

Students told to pay for damage at conference

## Gummer stops party funds for Tory 'vandals'

By James Naughtie and David Rose

The Federation of Conservative Students was effectively suspended for three months last night by the Tory Party chairman, Mr John Gummer, in an effort to try to curb the activities of the far right.

Reports of widespread vandalism by FCS members at their annual conference at Loughborough University forced the hand of the party hierarchy, already worried by the students' actions. Mr Gummer announced that grants from party funds of £50,000 would be cut off, and an internal report into the trouble would have the power to recommend expulsions.

The affair is acutely embarrassing for the party, coming only a day after the Prime Minister widely publicised moves to try to curb soccer hooliganism. It reflects the deep concern in the party about the style of the far right, which has lately been in control of the party's student wing.

Mr Gummer told the conference: "I have heard today of actions which took place last night which cannot anywhere or at any time be excused. Damage, hooliganism, and sheer vandalism are totally unacceptable."

He said that FCS branches would have to pay for the damage, and the culprits could be expelled from the party. The party's national conference would conduct an inquiry, and effectively take control of the organisation.

Mr Gummer's announcement will be welcomed by many senior Tories who have been enraged by the actions of the far right.



John Gummer—action against "vandals"

ments in the FCS in particular, and by their unorthodox tactics. In his prepared speech, which he went on to deliver, Mr Gummer told them: "Conservatives must never be provoked by the attitude of the left into adopting their tactics. Tolerance implies respect and courtesy even to warts in the intolerant and the rude."

Mr Gummer's action was prompted by reports of damage caused at a party given in an accommodation block at the university by the Scottish FCS, who provided lots of drink.

Yesterday, however, the damage appeared to be slight, proposed suspension for authorisation. Mr Gummer said: "It was a trivial incident last night. I don't understand what Mr Gummer is getting at. This action seemed premeditated, and it is wrong to force heads of houses to pay for damage."

Mr Gummer's speech was heard in icy silence by the large rightwing majority, although the "we and party factions welcomed it."

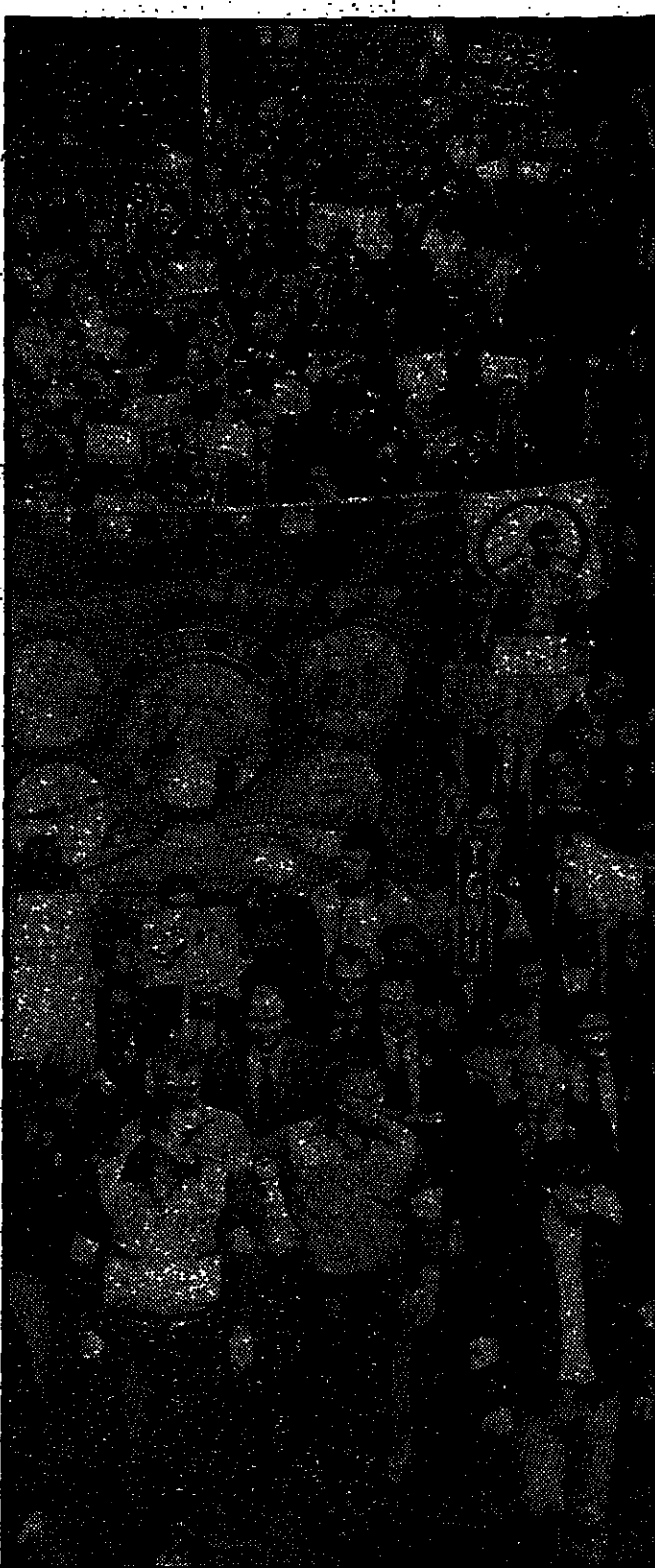
Immediately after Mr Gummer left the hall, delegates began to chant "bring back Cecil, bring back Cecil" in a reference to his predecessor, Mr Cecil Parkinson.

A member of the Scottish FCS then seized the microphone, played back portions of Mr Gummer's speech, and shouted at delegates: "Come on boys, Scottish FCS, now you can see like you wanted to." This the Scottish contingent only did.

Outside the hall Mr Gummer was asked if the tears from within suggested that his action had failed to sink in, but he insisted that his action had been essential if he and the party were to maintain their stand against hooliganism.

Mr Gummer's speech was critical of the FCS leadership. He attacked "those claiming to be Conservatives who have disrupted meetings or shouted down speakers." He added that disruption, intimidation, and abuse are wholly alien to Conservatives. We are not a series of sects.

Referring to the interest in foreign affairs taken by the ruling faction, which has expressed support for authoritarian, rightwing regimes, he said: "Liberty in South Africa and in Chile is just as important as liberty in the Soviet bloc." He said: "Opposition to leftwing governments should never lead us towards any sympathy with dictators who happen to call themselves Marxists."



Hands off the bus. Marchers headed by a Transport and General workers' union banner stream into Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank in London to protest against the Government's proposed privatisation of the bus industry. Photograph by Graham Turner

## Geneva deadlock blamed on Kremlin's Star Wars obsession

From Michael White and Alex Brummer in Washington

A senior Reagan adviser last night broke the US-Soviet understanding on confidentiality to give the first public indication in Washington that the Geneva talks appear to be at a deadlock.

General Edward Rowley, personal adviser to President Reagan on the arms control talks, claimed that the Russians "are diverting attention" from real arms reductions "by trying to prevent US research" on Star Wars defence.

The move came as the White House gave first indications that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev had agreed in principle to a summit with President Reagan. Though the President himself would say no more than that he had received a reply when interviewed yesterday by the Washington Post, officials later said: "Basically, it's positive."

One venue mooted was Helsinki in August, but remarks yesterday by Mr Casper Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, and Mr Alexander Haig, the US ambassador in Moscow, suggested that the US-Soviet relations for many years, pointed to a meeting in New York during the UN General Assembly session. It would be the first superpower summit since President Carter and President Brezhnev met in Vienna in 1979 to sign the unratified Salt II agreement.

Gen. Rowley, who was in charge of the last round of strategic arms talks, was optimistic about the chances of a breakthrough in the strategic

weapons dimension of the triple set of negotiations, if the Russians could be weaned away from their obsession with the US strategic defence initiative (SDI or "Star Wars").

Gen. Rowley made two specific offers to the Soviet negotiators. He said the US would be willing to reduce its inventory of ballistic missile re-entry vehicles to 5,000 if the Russians would do likewise from their larger stock. He also "as an added inducement" said that the US was prepared to reduce "our bomber capabilities where we are stronger," specifically referring to air-launched cruise missiles which would be carried to Soviet targets by American heavy bombers, the B-52 and the new almost radar-proof B-1B.

In his Washington Post interview Mr Reagan appeared to encourage the possibility of an interim deal in Geneva where he suggested that weapons numbers, in strategic and Euro-missile categories, could gradually be brought "to a lower level." US officials later emphasised that this was evidence of the President's flexibility. Although such interim agreements as Salt I had proved unsatisfactory for US interests in the past "we would like to codify progress."

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## CND to be given land for cruise protest

By Gareth Parry

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will be allowed to use 10 acres of Ministry of Defence land at Molesworth for its Easter demonstration at the Cambridgeshire cruise missile base.

The arrangement—won for CND by its unlikely champions, the police—was disclosed yesterday with details on how CND plans to organise thousands of peace protesters over the bank holiday weekend.

CND has been allowed the land outside the perimeter wall at Molesworth after a row between the Ministry of Defence and the Home Office, which is understood to have reached the ears of Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, and Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary.

Strongarm tactics were used by the MoD in February when 3,000 troops were employed to evict 200 peace people from the site of the base, where 64 US cruise missiles will be installed in 1988.

Recognising that Easter could, if mishandled, create a confrontation between at least 1,000 police and a sea of demonstrators, the British and European police seized the initiative.

They agreed with CND that part of the solution to policing such a large demonstration was to give the protesters a place to organise it. But local farmers, who joined many residents in objecting to anti-cruise missile demonstrations, refused to rent out their fields.

The Cambridgeshire police asked the MoD last month for permission to use over Easter the 10-acre piece of land, which the ministry intends to sell. But the MoD would not cooperate.

The police then went to the Home Office and pleaded their case for maintaining public order at the demonstration. The Home Office was sympathetic, and sent observers to Molesworth. After heated discussion between the MoD and the Home Office the police got their way.

The 10 acres will accommodate first aid facilities, an information board, a marquee for lost children, lavatories, and rubbish skips. It was the rubbish left by previous demonstrators which enraged residents near the base.

Notices in pubs, restaurants, and cafes near Molesworth say: "No peace campers here," but a CND organiser, Mr Ross MacKenzie, said yesterday: "CND demonstrators are not rabid animals. I am confident that all will be peaceful."

On Monday, hurriedly

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 'Pits' last bitter pill

MINERS' delegates rejected the advice of their president, Arthur Scargill, and ended the 27-month overtime ban yesterday. Back page.

### Hunter at bay

THE League Against Cruel Sports has won an injunction preventing stag hunters from trespassing on some of the league's Exmoor, Somerset, sanctuaries. Page 3.

### Channel charter

BRITAIN and France jointly declared yesterday their specifications for the building of a privately-financed cross-Channel link. Back page.

### Ethical regret

THE chairman of an inquiry into local government ethics publicly regretted yesterday that he had been asked to produce an interim report on the Labour council's recent advertising campaigns. Page 5.

### Torpedoed?

DEVELOPMENT of a new torpedo, which has cost \$951 million so far, should be abandoned, the Commons Public Accounts Committee has been advised. Page 2.

### Divorce gulf

AN all-party Dail committee has failed to resolve deep differences over introducing divorce into Ireland. Page 2.

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## Shi'ites gaoled in Israel

The Israeli army yesterday transferred some 1,300 prisoners from a detention camp in Ansar, southern Lebanon, to a prison in Israel, and said that it would release the remaining 600 Ansar detainees today.

The army chief of staff, lieutenant Gen Moshe Levi, said the transfer was temporary. We do not intend holding these people for years.

Israel Radio quoted Gen Levi as saying that the pace of their eventual release would depend on the security situation in the area in which they live. The 1,300 men remaining in captivity after Israel left southern Lebanon at the end of May.

The radio said that the men were carried across the border by bus with their wrists clamped in plastic handcuffs. Government legal officials maintained that the transfer did not contravene international law. They said the 4th Geneva Convention, which deals with the rights of people under occupation and forbids their removal from the occupied territory, did not apply to the situation in southern Lebanon.

General Levi said the international Red Cross, which had been allowed to visit the Ansar camp regularly, would continue to visit the detainees in their prison camp in Israel. In an official communique the army spokesman explained that the men to be released today had not been directly involved in guerrilla attacks on Israeli forces.

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## Labour, 4 points ahead, seeks new economic image

By James Naughtie and Martin Lister

LABOUR, ITS confidence bolstered by a third opinion poll, set the London Standard giving a lead over the Conservatives, yesterday launched its jobs and industry campaign in a conscious effort to change its image on economic policy.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader, speaking at the launch, said it was the biggest and most comprehensive campaign ever undertaken by

the party in mid-parliament. The campaign document says that the aim is "to increase Labour's credibility as a party that can manage the economy competently and fairly."

Today Mr Kinnock will take the campaign a step further by unveiling a new charter to encourage expansion of worker co-operatives. He wants to promote co-ops as a third strand within the economy, to rival the public and private sectors, and will be proposing tax incentives.

The MORI poll gives Labour a 4 per cent lead, compared with 6 per cent in Gallup in the Daily Telegraph.

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graph and 2 per cent in MORI in the Sunday Times, all in the two weeks since the budget. Although the figures show that Labour is

## Strike ballot in Post Office row

By Patrick Wintour and Alan Travis

Post Office management and union leaders acted last night to resolve the dispute over changes in working practices after 3,000 postal staff had returned to work at Britain's largest sorting office in compliance with a High Court injunction.

The executive of the Union of Communication Workers yesterday urged its members to return to work at the sorting office in London to work pending a secret ballot which will be held in line with the High Court order, granted under the Trade Union Act 1984. Preparations for the ballot began yesterday, but no result is expected until after Easter.

A five-man union negotiating team, led by the union's general secretary, Mr Alan Rufin, went to the Post Office headquarters in Victoria last night in response to a letter from Mr Ken Young, the Post Office's director of personnel, indicating that there might be a temporary freeze on the introduction of extra part-time staff.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, warned yesterday that any resumption of industrial action at Mount Pleasant would lead swiftly to the Post Office's monopoly being broken.

He said in the Commons that if the Post Office was unable to deliver the mail it would be "unpardonable" to allow the service to cease when other options were available.

The Post Office's proposal to increase its part-time workers from 8,500 to as many as 20,000 has been the most contentious proposal amongst a complex five-part productivity package put to the unions over the past year. Negotiations broke down at the weekend.

The union's executive also decided yesterday that it would hold a national ballot to authorise selective strike action in the event of management trying to impose other parts of the productivity package without union agreement. However, a date has not been set for this national ballot, and the union leadership appears to be hoping for a compromise.

The climate for last night's talks was improved after the Mount Pleasant staff returned to work. Management agreed to reinstate four men suspended for refusing to work an electronic coding machine. The men's suspension led to a walk-out by staff on Monday, but the union has agreed to work the coding machine pending the ballot.

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## Police put accent on civil rights

By Malcolm Dean

A new code of conduct for the Metropolitan Police emphasises the public's civil rights and warns officers against undue zeal, in carrying out their duties.

The code, published yesterday, is the latest in a series of measures to improve police relations with the public and its purpose is to promote better relations between police and public.

Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Commissioner, said yesterday: "We pump crime fighting and law into our recruits, but policing is a tolerant democracy has to be much wider than that."

Sir Kenneth said that he had known on his first day in office in October, 1982, that a code was needed which would provide police with detailed guidance.

Some of the sensitive issues dealt with in the new code include corruption, race relations, and membership of the freemasons.

It was drawn up by Mr Albert Langham, the Met's Deputy Commissioner, who resigned in February because of ill-health, and has been through an extensive consultative process with the police unions and the Home Office.

Sir Kenneth said yesterday that certain parts had been rephrased at the end of that process to make it more acceptable to the Police Federation, the Superintendents' Association and the Association of Chief Police Officers.

The commissioner rejected the idea that the code had been promoted by critics raised in a study initiated by the force and carried out by the London Police Studies Institute published 18 months ago.

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## Fire and police memo sent to councils

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Similar arrangements would be necessary for the fire service in London, where the fire authorities will require local authority control.

The Home Office advisory memorandum raises questions about whether the fire authorities will be ready to assume their new responsibilities. Labour holds a majority in most of the districts and the party government claims that it is not aware of any signs about the consequences of abolition.

Spending limits for the new fire and police authorities will be set by the Government. The limits are similar to those for rate-capped councils. One of their first tasks will be to decide whether to negotiate with the Government about the fairness of the restrictions.

A High Court judge said yesterday that the country's legal system could be sucked

MOST members of the Joint Select Committee on the West were in the Wellington hotel: which was just as well, since the path across Bluebell Wood to the bubbling West Okemoket river was a little less than a century ago. Some times the mist came down and blotted out promised panoramas; later the wind blew fiercely, and in time rain began to rain.

But though the committee must have been thinking, than what they have been condemning over the three days a week for the past five weeks; sitting in the room at the hotel, taking evidence on the petition against the Department of Transport's Exeter-Luxton-Bodmin (Okehampton-bypass) scheme.

Their work was now completed, and yesterday the Joint Select Committee was

**By John Ardill,  
Labour Correspondent**

The Barking strikers have won an unfair dismissal case against Crothall. The firm is appealing to the Employment Appeals Tribunal. The National Union of Public Employees, which is backing the dispute, said yesterday: "Given the quality of service at Barking Hospital, which has been condemned by doctors, nurses and patients, it seems incredible the health authority had ignored the weight of evidence."

By Andrew Moncar,  
Education Staff

should go into full, unconditional talks, singly or jointly. The management's proposal for arbitration on its 4 per cent pay offer would be set aside.

The action committee of the 78,000-strong National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education voted yesterday for a series of one-day national strikes at each

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lion regular listeners.

The bypass scheme for Okehampton has in fact already been approved. There was a public enquiry lasting 96 days at the end of the

since new bylaws were introduced by the Defence Secretary on Sunday to make trespass on the base an offence with a maximum fine of £100, large numbers of women have


Commons motion to abort the committee. But after thunderings in the Lords it survived.

their clerical jobs were axed because of the company's decision to move its ferry service Heysham, in Lancashire, ending a 155-year link with Liverpool.

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**The Joint Select Commit-**

**By Andrew Moncur,  
Education Staff**

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Portleven beach, Helston, Cornwall.  
Their bodies were recovered thick fog by a Sea King helicopter from the Royal Air station at Culdroe.

could hardly miss the evidence yesterday of coming profusion. It ought to look a treat in five or six week's time

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Settlement follows claim for rises of over 30 pc

## Rail unions accept pay deal below inflation rate

By John Ardill,

Labour Correspondent

The manual rail unions NUR and Aslef have accepted British Rail's 5.1 per cent pay package. The BR board is to arrange further talks with the white-collar union, TSSA, which has rejected the offer.

The deal includes a 4.85 per cent increase on basic rates, worth £3.69 a week to the lowest paid railwaymen and nearly £5 to the highest paid signaller, and a £4.30 a week increase in the minimum earnings level, bringing it up to £93.30.

Neither the NUR leader, Mr Jimmy Knapp, nor the Aslef leader, Mr Ray Buckton, was available yesterday to comment on the deal, which was en-

dorsed by their executives on the recommendation of their joint body, the Federation of Rail Unions. Although there was belligerent talk from the two unions when they submitted their joint claim for increases of up to 33 per cent it was clear that there was little appetite among railwaymen for a fight.

The main attraction of the deal to the two unions lay in British Rail's agreement to separate the pay settlement from continuing productivity negotiations which have been linked in recent years. The unions insisted on this and the board — confident that talks on issues like single manning of trains were progressing at local level — agreed.

The deal is, however, well below inflation — now running at 6.4 per cent — and the general run of pay increases, which mostly lie between 5 and 8 per cent.

Elsewhere in the public sector gas workers are being consulted on a offer worth between 4.7 per cent and 5.3 per cent according to grade, and water workers are considering a 5.2 per cent increase on basic rates, plus other improvements.

Electricity unions, which have rejected increases of between 4.5 and 5.5 per cent, are expecting an improved offer tomorrow. Council manual workers have accepted between 4.7 and 5.7 per cent over 10 months.

## 'Millions wasted' on torpedo

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Defence Correspondent

Hundreds of millions of pounds have been wasted through delays and cost increases in developing new torpedoes for the Royal Navy, it was suggested yesterday by the Comptroller and Auditor-General. Parliament's financial watchdog.

A report, to be discussed by the Commons public accounts committee, suggests that the heavyweights torpedo, Tigerfish, Britain, the report says that a should be abandoned as soon as possible and replaced by a

new weapon, the Spearfish, now being developed by Marconi.

The Tigerfish, also developed by Marconi, has so far cost £361 million, says the Comptroller, Sir Gordon Downey. It was expected to enter service in 1987 but did not do so until 1979.

Although Marconi Underwater Systems now has a monopoly over torpedo production in Britain, the report says that a major cause of the problem with Tigerfish was that organi-

sation in the Ministry of Defence and in industry was too fragmented.

It adds: "No one person was in charge of the total weapon system, there was no prime contractor to draw the weapon system together in industry, and there were problems in interfaces between the different authorities in the MoD, the Navy and industry."

The Tigerfish is installed in British nuclear-powered submarines, including HMS Conqueror, which attacked the

Belgrano during the Falklands conflict.

Sir Gordon's report states that "successful torpedo projects have suffered delays and cost increases, and optimum effectiveness has not been achieved."

It notes that by the mid-1980s, about £5,000 million at 1984 prices will have been spent on the Tigerfish, the Spearfish — which the Government chose instead of a cheaper US weapon — and the lightweight Stingray torpedo.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Tourism jobs hope

LORD Young, the Minister with special responsibility for tackling unemployment, is to head a government inquiry into the prospects for job creation in the tourism and leisure industries, writes Michael Smith.

It is expected that the inquiry will concentrate heavily on seeking methods of removing bureaucratic and administrative hurdles in planning, the implications of easing licensing laws and removal of wages councils to increase the number of tourist and leisure industry jobs without greater expenditure.

### Goldfish claim dismissed

MR FREDERICK Parsons claimed £520 on his insurance policy after a heron swooped on the pond at his home in St Agnes Road, Moseley, Birmingham, and made off with 57 of his 84 goldfish. But Avon Insurance refused to pay, saying that the goldfish were not covered on the policy, and Mr Parsons took the case to Birmingham County Court.

In a reserved judgment yesterday, Judge Richard Toyn dismissed Mr Parsons' appeal, saying that "the humble goldfish" was part of the animal kingdom and must be counted as livestock.

### Indian culture festival planned

LONDON is to be host this summer to a month-long cultural festival of India. A 25-acre site at Alexandra Palace will be devoted to the preponderantly Hindu festival of religion and popular arts but with an admixture of the minority religions: Jain, Buddhist and Moslem.

The organisers hope to attract a million visitors between July 16 and August 15.

### Mechanics' union backs merger

A DELEGATE conference of the 28,000-strong National Society of Metal Mechanics has voted to recommend a merger with the fast-growing engineering union Tass. The recommendation will be put to an individual ballot this summer, and if accepted will take Tass membership to over 250,000.

## Inquiry into councils 'not anti-Labour'

By John Carvel, Local

Government Correspondent

Mr David Widdicombe, QC, chairman of the official inquiry into local government ethics, made it clear yesterday that he does not intend to preside over a witch-hunt of Labour councils whose advertising, grants and appointments policies have so outraged ministers.

He regretted that the government asked his committee for a quick interim report by July on councils' advertising campaigns, which had been described as "propaganda on the rates."

This was just one aspect of the increased politicisation of councils which raised questions about whether the current local government institutions and conventions needed revision, he said.

Mr Widdicombe suggested that it might be time for some form of "cabinet" government at local level, with an executive of the ruling political party accountable to the council as a whole through debate and question time.

At a press conference before the committee's second meeting Mr Widdicombe said it had already received examples of "propaganda on the rates" from Labour and Conservative authorities, and would like to hear from the criticised councils, including the GLC.



David Widdicombe—ready to investigate any group.

The committee would need to look at the balance between majority and minority parties, between councillors and officers and between the council as a whole and the public it serves.

Mr Widdicombe said the committee was also prepared to look at the influence of freemasonry in local government. "I am not a freemason and I am perfectly prepared to look as freemasonry," he said.

Yesterday's meeting discussed a £100,000 research programme into local government. The committee, whose four members' experience includes industry and local government, is due to report in a year.

## Injunction against stag hunt

THE LEAGUE Against Cruel Sports was claiming a significant victory last night after a High Court judge had granted it an injunction against stag hunting.

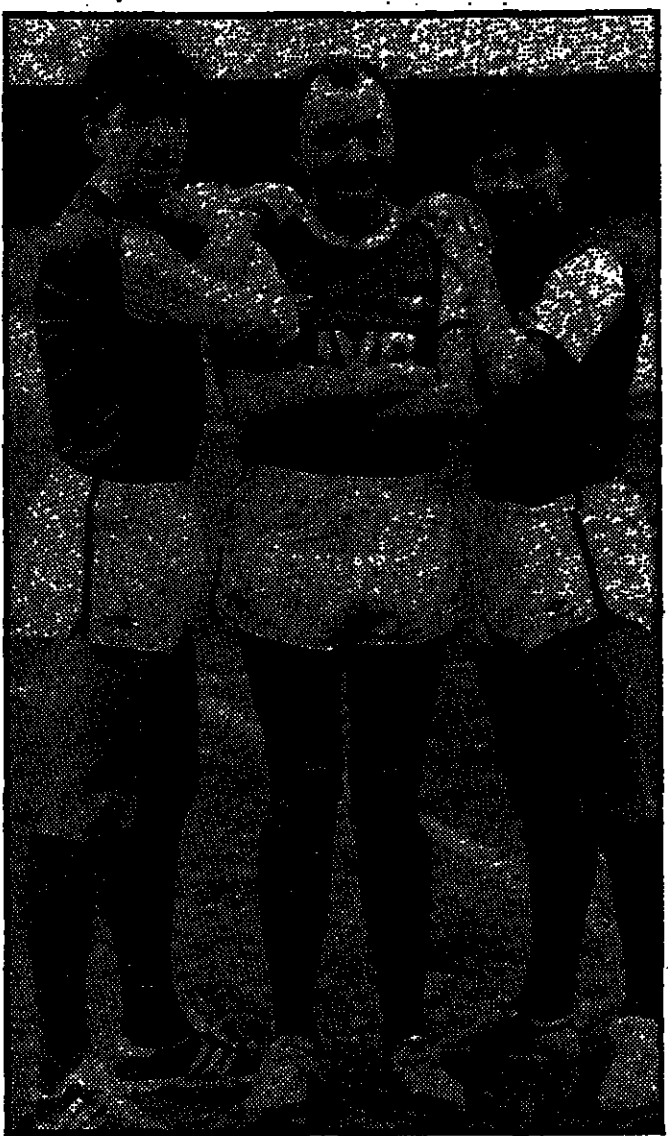
The league was also awarded damages of £180 and the full costs of the test case — estimated at £70,000 — when the Devon and Somerset Stag Hounds was found guilty of trespassing on some of the league's Exmoor sanctuaries.

But Mr Justice Park said, giving his delayed decision after a 12-day hearing at Bristol, that similar actions of trespass in the future would have to be considered on their individual merits.

"Before a master of hounds may be held liable for trespass on land by his hounds it has to be shown that he either intended to enter the land or failed to prevent them from doing so," he said.

The precedent created is that hounds face an action if they are said to be negligent in the control of their packs.

The injunction was granted because the hunt had not done all it could to stop the hounds running over the league's land at Fideigh, Somerset.



GUNNER LIVINGSTONE: The leader of the Greater London Council, Mr Ken Livingstone, took a centre role yesterday when, flanked by Arsenal players Paul Mariner (left) and Charlie Nicholas, he denounced the London team's kit at the introduction of a £47,000 GLC scheme to help to counter violence on the terraces at soccer grounds. Also present were Mr Peter Pitt, chairman of the GLC sports sub-committee, and the Arsenal manager, Mr Don Howe.

## MP to raise case of 'racist' headmaster

By Martin Wainwright

The case of Mr Ray Honeyford, the Bradford headmaster accused of racial prejudice, will be raised in the Commons after Easter.

A Bradford MP, Mr Marcus Fox, has applied for an adjournment debate and hopes to persuade the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, to intervene on Mr Honeyford's behalf.

Bradford council is expected to act on a no-confidence motion passed on Mr Honeyford by its schools committee. Labour and Liberal councillors overruled Conservative objections by one vote, although all three parties earlier supported a motion leaving Mr Honeyford's fate in the hands of the city's education department, which would probably have had the same effect.

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## Judge lifts injunction to pave way for Richardson's sacking

## Court triumph for Notts rebels in battle to oust leftwing leader

The Nottingham area of the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday won the latest round in the legal dispute over the sacking of its leftwing general secretary, Henry Richardson.

A High Court judge lifted an injunction which prevented the Nottinghamshire area union from acting on its dismissal decision. Mr Justice Mann said it would be wrong for him to impose on a trade union an official "in whom it has no confidence."

Mr Richardson, who supported the miners' strike, was suspended in February after accusations from Nottinghamshire NUM of gross misconduct. He was sacked in March but then received legal backing to allow him to remain in office, although still suspended.

Mr Roy Lynk, the acting area general secretary since the sacking, told the judge that all trust and confidence in Mr Richardson had been destroyed.

Mr Justice Mann lifted the

injunction and refused Mr Richardson's request that he should be allowed to remain as general secretary pending full trial of his court action over his sacking.

He also denied the national NUM an injunction banning the Nottinghamshire area union from unlawfully interfering with Mr Richardson's contract of employment. He criticised the NUM for seeking an injunction when it was still in contempt of court orders made during the pit strike.

"It should purge its contempt before seeking relief from the court," the judge said.

The Nottinghamshire area agreed to Mr Richardson's request that a letter from the miners' president, Arthur Scargill, calling for his reinstatement, should be circulated among the coalfield's members.

Mr Lynk had said in a sworn statement that there were still bitter conflicts between the area and the NUM nationally.

Mr Richardson said afterwards: "I think it is unfortunate that a judge can overrule an elected official just like that." He believed he was sacked for telling Nottinghamshire NUM members that their leaders were organising "a Spencer union to break away from the NUM," he said.

"It is about time that, if Notts intend to break away, they come clean and say that is what they are going to do. How can these people say they are not organising a breakaway union when they are breaking with every national decision?"

"These are the people who are always shouting about ballots and democracy. Well, if they want to break away let them test it in a ballot, these so-called democrats."

He rejected suggestions that his sacking was justified because he failed to support area policy. "Notts at one time had a Communist general secretary and a right-wing president and they got on with the job. This is all nonsense," he said. He would seek advice from

the national union before deciding on his next step. His lawyers said that an appeal would be considered.

Paul Hovland adds: The first confrontation between the National Coal Board and the NUM over pit closures since the strike is likely to occur at St John's colliery in Maesteg, West Glamorgan.

The board appears anxious to close the pit which lost two of its three faces during the 12-month dispute. But South Wales NUM leaders believe that the lodge would fight to retain the last colliery in the Llynfi Valley.

Two pits in the region have been earmarked for closure since the strike with little resistance from the NUM but if the colliery's 800 miners asked for support, it would almost certainly campaign to save St John's.

Mr Cliff Davies, the board's area deputy director met union officials at the pit on Monday to consider what management described as the "serious situation" facing the colliery.

## Cuts put highways on the road to decline

By Geoff Andrews, Transport Correspondent

Government cuts have caused a substantial deterioration in the condition of roads throughout England and Wales, an official report shows.

A Department of Transport survey of road maintenance published yesterday shows that since records began to be kept on a national basis in 1977, four years of improvement have been followed by a

period of steady decline. On average, roads are now in a slightly worse state than they were in 1977.

Worst faults were cracking and rutting, both the result of heavy lorry traffic taking its toll on the foundations. Failure of the carriageway foundations, the most expensive result of long-term neglect, is also on the increase.

Overall, the condition of all classes of roads is described as "significantly worse than in 1983," a verdict verified by the

Association of County Councils last night.

A spokesman said: "The results from this year's survey are particularly significant and confirm that the nation's highways are on a clear trend of deterioration since 1980. The extra funds needed to halt this decline must be substantial and will need to be sustained over a period."

"With this clear evidence, we urge the Government to realise that either additional resources must be made avail-

able to arrest the trend, or we must be prepared to accept a lower standard of road in the future. The road safety consequences of such decision must not be overlooked."

Answering a written Commons question on the report yesterday, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Transport Minister of State, said the deterioration was the result of the priority which had to be given to motorway repairs and reconstruction, a programme which will affect 60 miles in the coming year at a cost of about £140 million.

## Coroner praises Putney blast emergency services

Verdicts of death by misadventure were recorded yesterday on all eight victims of the gas explosion which devastated a block of flats in Putney, south-west London, earlier this year.

The jury at Westminster coroner's court took 40 minutes to reach a unanimous decision after hearing evidence from health and safety experts and survivors of the blast.

The coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, praised the performance of South-East Gas and the emergency services, saying: "Within a quarter of an hour the Segas engineer was out of bed and on his way. By any standards, that was very good service."

"The mechanism for reporting and dealing with gas leaks went with seemingly faultless efficiency, but it was too late."

He added: "The evidence has shown the great efficiency of the Metropolitan Police, and I have nothing but admiration for the London Fire Brigade who toiled in those sub-zero temperatures."

A relative of two of the victims earlier claimed that residents at the flats where the explosion occurred had complained of gas leaks and of repairs needed to a service road above the gas main.

Mr Stephen Emmerson, the son-in-law of two of the vic-

tims, Norman and Phyllis Wilkes, said: "I have a number of messages taken from the gas company saying that the source of the leak was unidentified." After the hearing, Mr Emmerson said he was considering taking further action.

Ten-ton dust carts were partly blamed for breaking a main at the centre of the explosion at the Manor Fields estate.

Miss Elizabeth Gynell, the principal inspector of the Health and Safety Executive, told the inquest that the road was not designed for heavy vehicles and that the weight could have cracked the main.

Dr Richard Towers, a metallurgist with the executive, claimed that a nine-foot section of the gas main was unsupported. "The soil for this length was uncompacted and this would increase the pressure on the supported parts of the main," he said.

Gas from the crack — unable to escape the frozen ground — seeped into Newnham House in Putney Hill. The explosion could have been set off by any normal household action, the inquest heard.

Dr Knapman said he had seen a draft report on the explosion by the executive, but this was unavailable to the public.

## Campaign urges end of tobacco sponsorship

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Arts and sports organisations ranging from theatre to professional snooker were urged yesterday to drop their £12 million a year tobacco sponsorship and replace the lost cash with funds from other companies.

A campaign launched jointly by Sir Roy Smead, former secretary-general of the Arts Council, and the actor Warren

Mitchell, at the British Medical Association yesterday is seeking pledges from theatres and sports organisers saying that they will no longer accept cash from the tobacco industry.

The campaign is the latest move by the BMA to put pressure on the tobacco industry, and follows a decision to urge by Sir Roy Smead, former secretary-general of the Arts Council, and the actor Warren

million and £10 million a year was given to sport by tobacco companies, and about £125 million to the arts. This compared with an annual expenditure by the sports and arts councils of about £130 million. Local authority subsidies to the arts and sport amounted to £1,054 million.

The survey by Sportsman Sports Sponsorship Computer Analysis Ltd — found that

much of the new funding for sport came from the drinks industry, insurance companies, computer companies, and various Japanese companies, but tobacco sponsorship tended to dominate television coverage.

Sir Roy said: "It should not be difficult to replace the money given by the tobacco industry. The sponsorship is so tiny a proportion that it is absurd to suggest that it would

seriously harm arts and sports. Companies, however desperate, would not take money from heroin pushers or the IRA, so I do not see why they should put a glamorous face on the ugly face of a life-threatening product such as tobacco."

So far one theatre — the Theatre Royal in Stratford, east London — has pledged not to accept tobacco sponsors.

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## British film audience grows

By Dennis Barker

AS BRITISH Film Year, which aims to win audiences back to the cinema, was launched yesterday with a Variety Club lunch.

At Rank cinemas were 65 per cent up on the same time last year, and the January-March period had seen a 51 per cent increase in audiences at Rank-EMI cinemas. Mr Norman Lamont, minister responsible for films, welcomed the signs of a return of audiences. The Government supported the film year message that the best place to see a film was in the cinema, which is why it had given £250,000 to help to fund it.

Sir Richard Attenborough, president of British Film Year, admitted that the historical picture was grim. In the 1960s cinema attendances in the UK averaged 335 million a year, but the Department of Trade would shortly announce that last year's admissions were a mere 55 million.

"Only 5 per cent of our population go to the cinema more than once a month," said Sir Richard. "There are now only some 700 cinemas, representing 1,200 screens, left in the country, compared with 4,500 just after the war."

But in the US 90 per cent of existing cinemas had been built within the last decade. Attendances there, which suffered a slump similar to Britain's until 1980, were on the upturn, with an increase of some 20 per cent.

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## Council to see Jasmine case director

The social services director is to be asked by her new employers to explain why she did not tell them about the girl's death or the impending trial of her mother and stepfather.

Miss Valerie Howarth, who is due to move from Brent Council in London to become social services director in Cambridgeshire in September, was yesterday asked to meet the county's social services committee on April 15.

Last night the opposition Labour group leader, Mrs Janet Jones, asked for an inquiry into why the consultants Korn Ferry International, which was paid £10,000 to headhunt Miss Howarth, aged 48, for the £50,000 a year job, also failed to mention the case in their report.

Maurice Beckford, aged 25, was last week gaoled for 10 years for the manslaughter of Jasmine, aged 4, who was in the care of Brent Council. Her mother, Beverly Lorrington, aged 25, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for neglect.

Cambridgeshire's social services chairman, Mrs Mary Price, said yesterday that Miss Howarth was an "outstanding candidate."

"As a result of national publicity over the case of Jasmine Beckford... we have inadvertently become involved in the affairs of another authority," she added.

"There will be a special meeting of the social services committee when the members can consider the implications of our present position."

The meeting has been welcomed by Sir Anthony Grant, Tory MP for South-west Cambridgeshire.

He said he had urged them to reconsider the appointment of Miss Howarth. "It is very regrettable that they appear to have been misled when the appointment was made. I am pleased that they have had the good sense to think again."

Mrs Jones said that Korn Ferry International should explain their role in the appointment.

"These headhunters produced a 19-page report on Miss Howarth, yet failed to mention the Jasmine Beckford case," said Mrs Jones.

Korn Ferry International's chairman, Mr Walter Goldsmith, last night refused to comment, saying that the firm's relationship with the council was confidential.

Susan Tibbitts adds: A partnership of the public and social workers is needed to fight the abuse and neglect of children which often results from the isolation of young parents, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday.

In the Beckford case the mother and stepfather had refused to see the social worker after Jasmine had been returned from a foster home or asked relatives to say that they were out. Neighbours had not known the couple well.

Dr Alan Gilmour, director of NSPCC, said that social isolation was a strong stress in the families of about a quarter of all children on the society's abuse register.

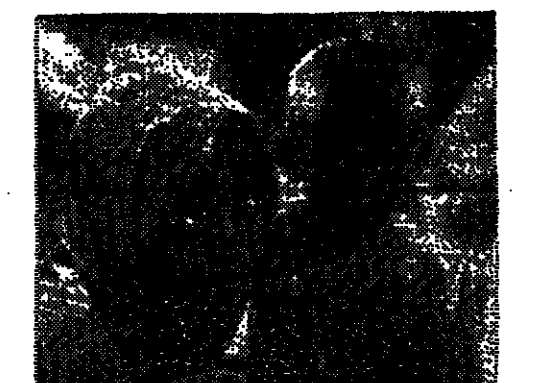
The NSCC was starting a network of drop-in neighbourhood groups in Belfast, where families were helped to make friends.

Those at risk who refused to go to a centre would be visited much more often by professionals.

"The NSPCC wants to encourage greater 'good neighbourliness,' and for people to be more ready to report signs of problems in their families."

Dr Gilmour added: "We want to create a climate where people can feel that if they report parents to the NSPCC they are not putting them into trouble but rather getting them out of it."

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# Industrial action could open door to private post firms, says Tebbit

## MONGPOLY

By Alan Travis

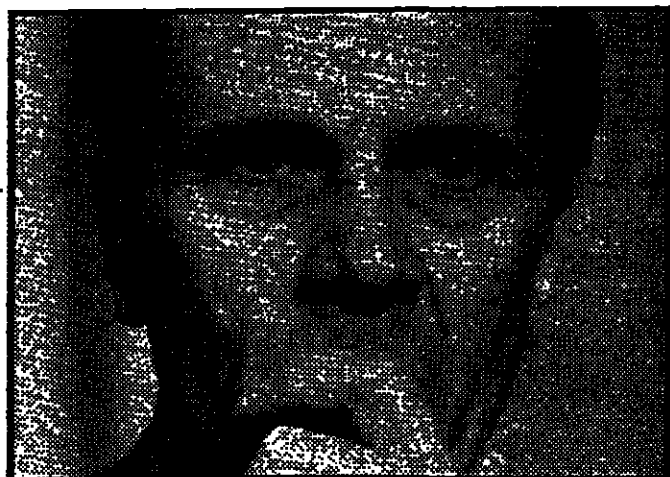
Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, said yesterday that he was ready to consider rapid action to allow private mail companies to break the Post Office monopoly if industrial action halted services.

He denied to the Commons that he was threatening the Union of Communication Workers, saying that it was an assurance to Post Office customers.

"If the Post Office will not or is unable to deliver the mail it would be unpardonable if we allow the service to cease when there are options available to us," he said. "If there should be a dispute which either suspends or gravely damages the mail service I will give early and quick decisions on the question of suspending the monopoly."

Mr John Smith, shadow trade and industry secretary, accused Mr Tebbit of not emphasising the possibilities for negotiation to reach a settlement of the dispute at the Mount Pleasant Post Office, central London, and accused him of using a provocative and ill-judged threat to withdraw the monopoly.

Mr Tebbit was pressed by several Conservative backbenchers to take immediate ac-



Norman Tebbit: "The Post Office is there for people to use, not to play silly games in."

tion to break the Post Office monopoly and allow private companies a share of the letter service.

The Post Office had been discussing with the UCU for several months a number of measures to improve productivity and provide a more reliable mail service. The need for improvement had been underlined in a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report last September.

The negotiations broke down last weekend and some UCU members who refused to operate an optical character recog-

Tebbit said that remained the case.

Mr Smith said: "The settlement of the differences between management and the UCU over different matters such as the large increase in part-time workers and the OCR machine can only be achieved by negotiation."

Mr Robert McCrindle (Con, Brentford) said there was nothing to prevent the intervention of ACAS, the conciliation service, if the two sides were unable to reach agreement. But private companies were ready to move mail.

He denied a suggestion by Mr Christopher Smith (Lab, Islington South) that the fears of postmen at Mount Pleasant had been exacerbated by the unilateral introduction of new technology. The OCR machine had been in use for at least a year.

He also rejected Labour claims that the negotiations had been handled undiplomatically and could have waited for a UCU conference in six weeks. A special delegate conference last month had not produced the constructive responses hoped for.

"The Post Office is there for people to use, not for people to play silly games in," Union negotiators' hands had been tied by conference policy and there was little point in waiting for the union to change its mind before pressing ahead with planned changes.

## Sinn Fein faces block

### MEETINGS

By Martin Linton

LABOUR'S national agent, Mr David Hughes, is attempting to block an invitation to Sinn Fein to participate in a series of public meetings in Northern Ireland, organised by Greater London Labour Party.

Mr John McDonnell, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, accused him yesterday of exercising "an outrageous form of dictatorship" and of "subverting the decisions of the London Labour Party conference."

Mr McDonnell was one of the movers of a resolution of

the party's regional conference in London last month to hold a series of public meetings to which the party would

"representatives of the major parties of the Republic."

Mr McDonnell made it clear that he believed that Sinn Fein represented this majority in the North and that the invitation should go to Sinn Fein alone or to Sinn Fein and the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

But Mr Hughes will ask the party's organisation committee this month to back his view that only the SDLP should be invited, as it has won at least two-thirds of the votes at every election in Northern Ireland.

In the last five years, and that it is a sister party to the Labour Party.

He is committed to suggest that the committee should refer the matter to Sinn Fein, deliberately dropped from the motion as a ploy to persuade trade unions to support the motion, leaving London Labour Party executive committee free to interpret the motion later to include Sinn Fein.

Mr Hughes's intervention became clear yesterday when a private letter from him to the general secretary of London Labour Party, Mr George Page, had been sent anonymously. Mr McDonnell said that Mr Hughes would take action to prevent the London Labour Party from complying with the resolution.

## Labour spokesman presses for an apology from King after ballot-rigging allegation

### UNIONS

By Alan Travis

Mr John Prescott, the Opposition employment spokesman, last night demanded an unconditional apology from Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, for accusing Labour of being the party of ballot-riggers.

Mr King's allegation came

after Mr John King, another Labour employment spokesman, had accused the Labour Party of rigging the 1979 trade union legislation enacted since 1979.

"In view of the extremely serious charges you have made today in the House, and the fact that I am involved in a ballot in my union for a national officer, I believe you should make a complete and unconditional withdrawal," said

Mr Prescott in a letter to Mr King last night.

He also demanded that Mr King make it clear that he did not believe that either the Labour Party or any of its spokesmen had anything to do with irregularities in trade union ballots. "If not, I expect you to produce the evidence."

Mr Evans gave his repeal bill during employment questions in the Commons.

Mr King was pressed by

Tory backbenchers to say

whether the 1984 Trade Union

Act would have prevented the

ballot-rigging alleged in the

Transport and General Workers' Union.

It has been in force since the employment

secretary said that he believed that

the act, which comes into force

on October 1, had already led

to the TGWU changing its ar-

rangements for the election of

its national executive later this

year.

The act demands that each

union draw up an accurate

register of members and pro-

vide for postal voting in

union elections.

Mr Evans claimed that the Prime Minister and Cabinet ministers had been encouraging industrialists and the chairmen of nationalised industries to use Conservative industrial relations laws to create industrial disputes, so that they could take on the trade unions.

Mr King said Labour pledged meant that union secretaries would be denied secret ballots and not allowed a say before being told to strike.

"We now see the party of bal-

lot-riggers in full force."

His words later led to pro-

tests from Labour MPs to the

Speaker of the House that

was unparliamentary language.

An early day motion put

down by the Social Democrat

Party-Liberal Alliance last

night called for secret postal

ballots in elections for trade

union executives and in strike

and political fund ballots.

Mr King said independent

supervised postal ballots were

the most effective way of pre-

venting abuses such as the al-

legations of ballot-rigging in

the TGWU.

## Euro-summit 'offers no hope to jobless'

### EMPLOYMENT

By Colin Brown

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, yesterday criticised last weekend's European Community summit meeting for failing to offer any hope of jobs for the 14 million out of work in the EEC.

He told the Prime Minister in the Commons that two out of every five people unemployed in Europe were aged 25 or under. The European Council, would have been better engaged in seeking to provide jobs for them rather than in discussing gimmicks like the Euro-passport.

He welcomed the accession of Portugal and Spain but asked whether Mrs Thatcher had thrown away the veto over unrestricted growth on the Common Agricultural Policy which took 74 per cent of the EEC budget.

She said the summit marked the conclusion of a period of important decisions in the Community, including

favourable budgetary arrangements for the United Kingdom. The agriculture budget was subject to majority voting and only if a fundamental national interest was involved did the Luxembourg compromise come into play.

Mr Kinnock said the summit had been a failure. He said the European Council had failed to consider the use of the veto in June. "We do not agree with any change in the Treaty of these matters. It should stay exactly as it is."

Conservative MPs congratulated Mrs Thatcher on the summit but Mr Anthony Browne (Selly Oak) warned about the Japanese maintaining unfair trading barriers against Europe.

Mrs Thatcher refused to be drawn on a question from Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Labour Northern Ireland Secretary, about her talks with Mr Garrett FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, on the margins of the summit. "There is nothing further to report. My position is still as it was after the Chequers communiqué."

the alleged abuse of authority by the security services in the 20/20 Vision film, M15's Official Secrets. He is a member of the Commons select committee on Home Affairs, which has investigated the Special Branch. The committee will meet after Easter to agree a final report.

### ENVIRONMENT

#### Pesticide control call

An early-day motion calling for stricter controls in using pesticides has attracted cross-party support today. Mr. one of the largest responses ever.

The motion, sponsored by Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Lab, Wokingham) and Mr Nigel Forster (Con, Carlisle), is designed to put further pressure on the Government to amend the Food and Environment Protection Bill which is going through the Commons.

He claimed last night that the regulations were to have been "smuggled through" with other measures, health service charges until he forced today's debate in committee.

"The NHS charges are clearly intended to close the gap between cheap NHS spectacles and private ones. For example, complex lens glasses will go up from £9.40 per lens to £25 per lens, an increase of 166 per cent."

### HEALTH

#### Spectacles debate

Regulations ending the supply of National Health Service spectacles to most people will be challenged today, by Mr Frank Dobson, the shadow health minister, in the Commons.

Mr David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsley North, is to raise the question of surveillance of MPs in the Commons tomorrow.

He is using an adjournment debate to press Home Office ministers about the role of the P-groups under the Special Branch which, according to a Guardian report, monitor selected MPs, journalists and lawyers.

Mr Winnick will also raise

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Tom Reed, Administrator, Lithosphere

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Ivy Crook, Production Worker, London Production Centre



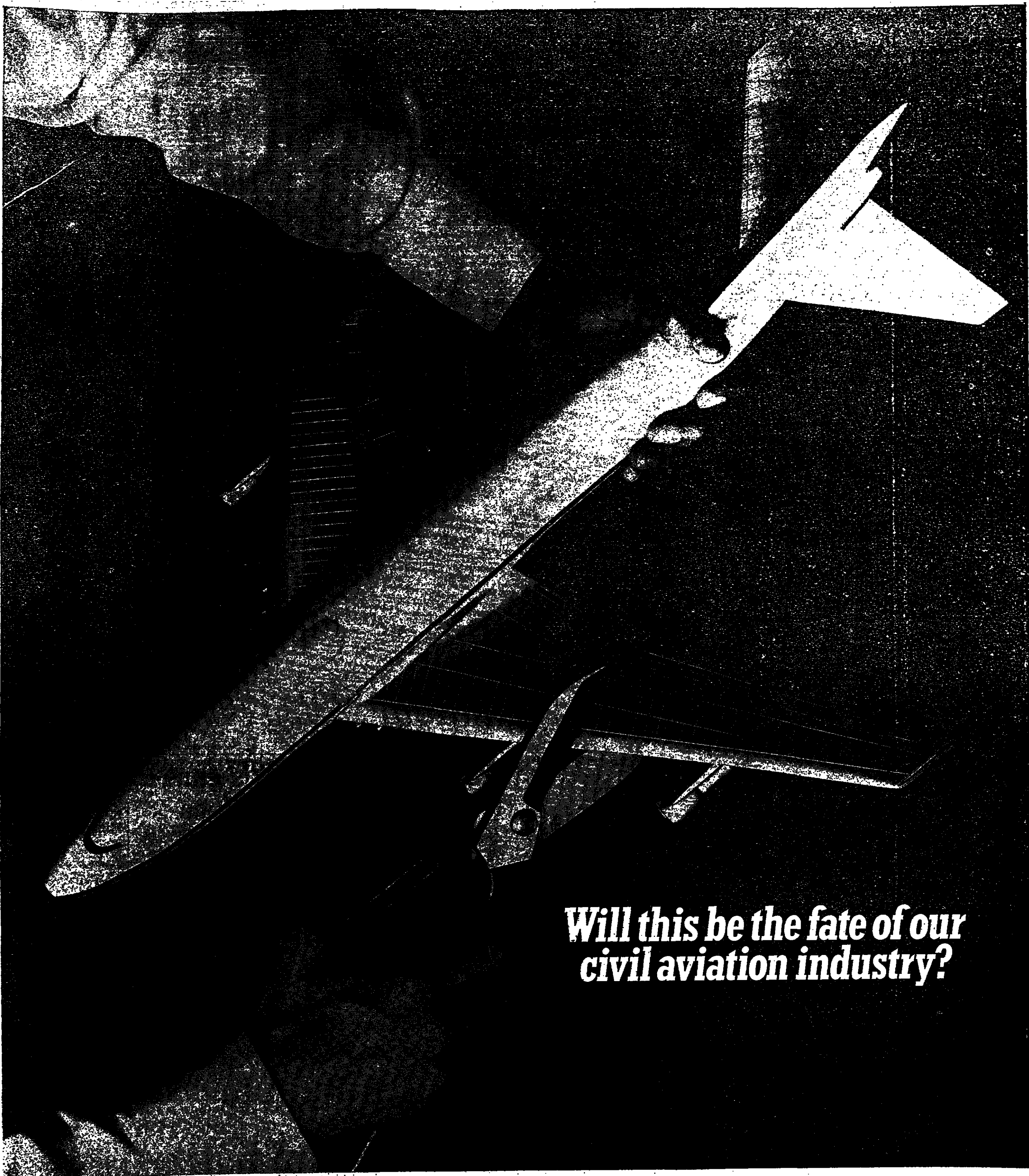
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their passengers, their freight and their money.

The report of the Airports Inquiries 1981-1983 was recently published.

It concluded that the London airport system (of Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted) can remain at the centre of the world's airline industry only if it expands.

The report forecast that by the next decade the demand can only be met by an increased capacity in the south-east, which means expanding Stansted Airport and building a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

Every effort should be made to develop the regional airports, but their expansion alone could not meet the future demands of the south-east.

Unless the above recommendations of the Inquiries are acted upon swiftly, the aviation industry will suffer.

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## Kremlin fears Geneva deadlock

By Hella Pick

US and Soviet arms control negotiators met again in Geneva yesterday with both sides apparently concerned by the propaganda war about the talks which has broken out over space weapons.

Washington and Moscow are openly blaming each other because the space weapons issue is prejudicing progress in Geneva. The negotiators are still engaged in staking out preliminary positions, and the first round, which is due to end on April 23, was never expected to do much more than provide a basis for assessment of the opening bids.

There will be a recess for four to six weeks, before the negotiations resume. But at the ready the Soviet Union is warning that the Geneva talks could remain deadlocked for many years heralding a non-agreement era.

This is the view expressed this week by Mr Georgi Arbatov, the head of Soviet Institute for US and Canada. Mr Arbatov had been a little more cheerful about the superpower relationship after the January meeting between Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

But with the US and the Soviet Union perspectives on space weapons fundamentally different, Mr Arbatov has now returned to the pessimism he was expressing last year, when arms control negotiations had broken down.

Mr Gromyko contributed to the gloom and doom interpretation of President Reagan's pursuit of the Strategic Defence Initiative. Writing in the World Marxist Review, the Foreign Minister called for a ban on weapons in space, as well as a freeze on the production and deployment of nuclear weapons and a halt to all nuclear weapons tests.

Mr Gromyko has not spoken directly of the Soviet positions taken in Geneva, but East Germany and Poland have published identical versions of proposals they say the Soviet Union has tabled.

Polish papers have given an account of a speech by Gen Jaruzelski in which he said that the Soviet proposals included a freeze of the number of strategic offensive missiles, and on the number of US cruise and Pershing II missiles deployed in Western Europe. "The Soviet Union would respond in a like manner," he said.

Gen Jaruzelski added that the "insane arms race in outer space must be halted."

## Britain qualifies convention

From Iain Guest in Geneva

The British Government has lodged a formal reservation against a new United Nations convention on torture which some here fear may weaken international moves to punish torturers for crimes against humanity.

Britain eventually signed the torture convention on March 15 - six weeks after it was opened for signature. The delay was reported to be due to disagreement between the Home Office, which had doubts about the convention's inspection procedure, and the Foreign Office, which argued that the delay was bad for Britain's image.

When it signed the convention, Britain added the following statement: "The UK reserves the right to make its own interpretation of the convention, upon ratification, or in interpreting declarations which it might consider necessary."

There are two stages to joining a convention. Signature is a gesture of support, and poses no legal obligations, unlike the second stage, ratification.

A UN official said here yesterday that out of the 28 governments which have signed the convention, Britain is the only one to have added such a qualification.

## Pentagon's report on Soviet power is lie, claims Tass

## Research on lasers 'puts Russians ahead of US'

From Roy Gutman in Washington

The Pentagon yesterday claimed that the Soviet Union's intense research into high-energy lasers could lead to laser defence against intruding aircraft before 1990 and against intercontinental ballistic missiles by the mid-1990s.

However, Tass yesterday called the report a "fantastic piece of fiction" and said the US has no proof to back allegations.

"The bigger the lie and the more often it is repeated, the more people believe it," Tass said in one of two dispatches on the report. "It must be proceeding from this principle: the Pentagon has published the fourth report, entitled 'Soviet military power'."

The US intelligence assessments are the most detailed public discussion yet of Soviet capabilities, officials say.

The Reagan Administration faces an uphill battle in Congress to fund research for its Strategic Defence Initiative, or Star Wars, and its critics said the release of the new information would be used to influence the budget debate.

The glossy, 143-page book says the Soviet high-energy laser programme, dating from the mid-1960s, is much larger than the US effort. It says the Pentagon has published research and test facilities and more than 10,000 scientists and engineers are working on Soviet laser development. It does not give comparable figures for US research, but a hedgehog estimate of when the Russians could introduce the new technology.

The Soviet Union could have prototypes for ground-based lasers for Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) by the late 1980s, it says, with testing early in the 1990s and deployment unlikely until after the year 2000.

"However, with high priority and some significant risk of failure, the Russians could skip some testing steps and be ready to deploy a ground-based BMD by the early to mid-1990s."

Against aircraft, ships and satellites, however, lasers could be deployed in the near term, it says. Ship-borne lasers will probably not be operational until after 1990, but ground-based lasers "may be operational some time soon." These "are likely to be capable of structurally damaging aircraft at close ranges and producing electro-optical and eye damage at longer distances." Space-based anti-satellite lasers may be deployed in the 1990s "if their technology developments prove successful."

One critic of Star Wars commented on the new information. "It's budget time," Mr Thomas Longstrech, spokesman for the Arms Control Association, a non-partisan informational group of arms experts, said he did not quarrel with the assessments, which were "also qualified" that he knows what they mean. Washington Post/Newsday.

Reuters adds from Moscow: Soviet trade figures released yesterday showed that imports from the US jumped 80 per cent last year to reach a record high as more American grain was brought in to cover domestic crop shortfalls.

## Toughest ever gaol terms for terrorists

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

A Stuttgart court yesterday sentenced two urban guerrilla leaders to multiple terms of life imprisonment for their role in the wave of murder and violence that shook the country in 1977. The sentences are the harshest ever passed for terrorist activity.

After a 14-month trial in the specially-erected top security prison complex in the Stuttgart suburb of Stammheim, the court ruled that Christian Klar, aged 32, and Brigitte Mohnhaupt, aged 35, had participated in and were collectively responsible for nine murders and several attempted murders in what the terrorists termed their "1977 offensive."

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They are the last two top Red Army Faction terrorists to stand trial, although the authorities believe that five hardcore members of the group are still at large, some living abroad.

According to the court, Mohnhaupt, a former student of history and journalist, acted as gang leader after previous leaders, including Ulrike Meinhof and Andreas Bader, are believed to have committed suicide in Stammheim gaol in 1977. It was under her "authority" that the 1977 offensive was launched, the court found. Christian Klar, a student of history and politics, science before turning to terrorism, was described as an activist without any clear leadership function.

Both are held responsible for their role in the murders of Siegfried Buback, the then public prosecutor, Jürgen Ponto, the former head of Dresdner Bank, an dthe abduction of Hanns Martin Schleyer, the former president of the Employers Federation.

Another police vehicle. Police believe a car parked on his route was packed with about 500lb of explosive, and related arms and drugs. A technique used by the Mafia to kill a Palermo magistrate in 1983. Six have been killed in Sicily since 1971.

The blast damaged the two armoured cars, injuring Mr Palermo in one leg and seriously injuring two officers, but wrecked another passing car in which a mother was taking her children to school.

Roadblocks were set up around Trapani, on the western Sicilian coast, and the Government's special commissioner against the Mafia called his

advisers to a special meeting. Mr Palermo, who was transferred to Trapani in February to replace a magistrate accused of corruption, had previously led a four-year investigation into an international smuggling operation in which arms were sent to the Middle East in exchange for drugs. He found that the drugs were sold to the Mafia by the smugglers.

Last year, at the end of his investigation, Mr Palermo ordered the arrest of 25 Italians, nine Turks, two Syrians and one Egyptian for involvement in the largest drugs and arms smuggling ring in the world. The investigation was centred on the northern city of

Taranto, which had become a transit centre for the ring which was selling weapons, ranging from Leopard tanks and Exocet missiles to ships and plutonium, primarily to the Middle East and Africa.

In 1983, Mr Palermo angered the Prime Minister, Mr Bettino Craxi, by issuing a search warrant for the slain office, a financier who handles the Italian Socialist Party's investment. Mr Craxi complained to Mr Palermo's superior that the judge's motives were clearly "personal."

Mr Palermo's report and related documents, totalling 5,898 pages, were sent to the Chairman of the Chamber of

Deputies and the Senate. Since Mr Palermo's arrest, the secret service has named the "P2" investigation, itself must decide if it is to open its own inquiry.

Accusations that Mr Palermo displayed too much zeal and "excess of form" in his investigation were dismissed by colleagues who attested to his professional integrity.

Among the people indicted in connection with the ring was Bekt Celik, a Turk who is charged with complicity in the attempted assassination in 1981 of the Pope. Celik is reportedly in police custody in Bulgaria.

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Angry Danish demonstrators overturn a van in Odense earlier this week in protest at the government-imposed settlement of an eight-day industrial strike. Unofficial strikes caused widespread disruption throughout the country again yesterday.

## Farming cuts still fond hope

From our Correspondent in Luxembourg

THE struggle to curb the flow of public cash to EEC farmers has been going on since night, and Community agriculture ministers saw little chance of agreement on cost-cutting measures before next month.

The ministerial meeting here has failed to make any progress towards the kind of price-freezing measures proposed by the EEC Commission. The latest attempt foundered on the rock of German opposition, particularly to price cuts for cereal farmers.

The Italian president of the farm ministers council, Mr Filippo Pandolfi, and several other national leaders, including Britain's Mr Michael Jopling, held separate talks with Mr Ignazio Kiechle of Germany. "I saw no sign of movement at all," Mr Jopling said later.

The Germans, normally sensitive to any suggestion of isolation in EEC Councils of Ministers, are taking a tough line on this issue because their farmers have been particularly severely penalised by changing methods of calculating payments, and by higher costs. Farming incomes have dropped sharply in recent years.

More immediate is the Government's need to shore up the rural vote in next month's crucial state elections, especially in North Rhine-Westphalia on May 12.

Meanwhile, the Community is obliged to continue payments at current rates. Failure to economise will add \$550 million to the commission's spending plans in a full year, at a time when the 16 governments are already obliged to bail out the Community from a \$1.5 billion deficit.

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## EEC plans a whip-round to make ends meet

From Derek Brown in Brussels

The EEC needs at least £1,380 million more than it can legally claim to make ends meet this year.

It could need as much as £1,740 million more, according to figures released by the Commission.

The Commission published a draft budget for this year, totalling £17,597 million. It replaces the budget rejected by the European Parliament last December.

Euro-MPs said then that the budget could not cover all spending commitments for 1985. The 10 national governments have since agreed to increase their contributions from next year, and to fund the shortfall with a one-off whip-round.

The exact size of that whip-round remains to be decided after yet another ritual trial of strength between the Council

of Ministers and the European Parliament. The Commission, caught in the middle of the traditional rivalry, said yesterday that it would need £1,740 million more than member states are due to pay into the Community. But already British sources have said that the Commission has overestimated needs by \$360 million.

Whatever the figure finally decided, Britain's share of the bill will knock a hole in its agreed 1985 rebate of \$900 million. Britain pays about one-fifth of all EEC revenue. Even though her contributions are now subject to a complex new formula guaranteeing permanent reductions, Britain will still have to pay a minimum of £100 million towards her own rebate this year.

The Commission said yesterday that the ever-increasing cost of the Common Agricultural Policy would soak up

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## UK doubt on fighter of future

AN ambitious project to produce a West European combat plane for the next century still faces many obstacles and it is not yet clear whether it would succeed. The Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, said in Paris yesterday.

Speaking after talks with French defence chiefs and arms manufacturers on the project, which also involves West Germany, Italy and Spain, he said: "This is an unprecedented opportunity on this scale to draw Europe together. Whether we can do it is still much to be debated. There are many hurdles yet to jump."

Defence ministers of the five countries are to meet in Rome on









In the third of our occasional series on the work of professional women photographers, Julie Phipps focuses on a part of Soho unfamiliar to the outside world

## Living in Soho



Julie Phipps  
— picture by Hilary Coe

### Assignment

SOHO may still dress like the whores and tarts it propagated down the years, but beneath this venal front beats the tiny heart of a respectable community. Once, in the Thirties, it swelled and pounded to the tune of the 30,000 people who made up its determinedly cosmopolitan population: now that residential core has dwindled to less than 3,000.

True, in recent years Soho has been made to clean up its act — with some success. It no longer rivals the red-light district of Hamburg's St Pauli or Amsterdam's Rembrandtplein as a blatant advertisement for low life. But if visually there are signs of improvement, there are signs too that the small community that actually lives there wants to make its presence felt.

Traditionally, these people have never asked for much and therefore have not got much to show for it in terms of residential amenities. In fact, as far as the world is concerned, a residential community in Soho does not

exist. But though a small and by no means vociferous voice, it is making a brave effort to reclaim some of the area for itself.

Of course, so far this has meant refurbishment of only a tiny part of these cluttered streets. But the work has begun.

Where do you start with a place that's humped around such an historically controversial image for hundreds of years? You build a community centre. And that's just what the Soho Family Centre Trust intends doing once it has raised the remaining £30,000 to complete a £130,000 project.

The Soho Housing Association, formed in 1975 through the Soho Society, has already partially completed rehabilitation of Victorian tenements in a block bordered by Brewer Street, Rupert Street, Archer Street and Windmill Street. The family centre is being created in the ground and basement floors of one of the housing blocks.

At present, the proposed centre looks little different from any other building shell, but a DESS grant, confirmed recently, has enabled Elizabeth Wharfe, a nursery liaison teacher and a member of the project's steering committee, to confirm that one floor of the centre will open in September.

Upon completion, the centre will provide facilities for ante-natal classes, post-natal groups, playgroups, full day centre, child-minder resource and recruitment centre, language classes and professional advice "surgeries".

Says Ms Wharfe: "The whole of the under-fives scene in this area is a mess. And there are more than 500 children living in Soho. Because of this frag-

menting of services it has created a huge gap, a vacuum that these people — mainly ethnic minorities — are forced to live in."

There is no overt opposition to the scheme but there has been what Ms Wharfe describes as "lip service support" with not a lot of money as a result. But the firm support they have had to date and future promises of money has been good. The Chinese Lions are busy raising £25,000.

Julia Phipps's photographs concentrate on the images of Soho's residents — from the perceived view of the area by the public at large (night-time in a Soho street lit by the familiar neon signs advertising private booths and sex book shops) to the children who attend the nearby local school, St Peter's. It is these children's brothers, sisters and parents who will benefit directly from the centre.

This is a multi-ethnic group and diffuses the idea that the majority of Soho's residents are Chinese (according to the 1981 census, only one Chinese family is resident there). In fact, the majority of the children are Chinese and Bengali.

To discover this world you enter a huge black steel door in Great Windmill Street. Inside, you walk through the school playground — more accurately a Victorian quad — and into the school room. Beyond that, through an internal passageway is the area designated for the new family centre. The place buzzes with young life, in great contrast to the narrow streets outside that seem to count only adults in their scheme of things.

Nigel Wigmore



## The heroine headmistress all set for Benenden



### AMERICAN DIARY

Linda Blandford

TOWN SCHOOL is a smart New York co-ed establishment on the bank of the East River. It is a small, modern red-brick building in the process of considerable alteration. And on the day that the monster crane was loaded into position outside on West 74th Street, Gillian duCharme, Town's headmistress, peered through her office window at it with unconcealed delight. As modular classrooms swung through the air over her head, skirting the rooftop playgrounds that are luxury in any city school, Mrs duCharme, alumna of Beckenham Girls School and Girton College, Cambridge, pronounced with great pride: "I never thought that one day I should be running a construction site."

Town has the distinction of being hailed as this year's "hot school" by the New York Times. "Success?" sports the knowing head. One day you're the hot school, the other they'll stamp on you. Of far more satisfaction is the sale of Town's "air rights" to a Manhattan developer who is putting up a lofty residential skyscraper over part of it. "We have just made seven million dollars on this deal," she says, relishing the very sound of it. "And we are excited."

American performance: determined yet diplomatic, idealistic yet full of energy and spirit. It is exactly these qualities that she will be taking with her to the green swards of Kent as the new headmistress of Benenden school. "I'm as glibly anyone else," she says disarmingly. "I knew about it because Princess Anne went there."

Her predecessor's leaving party has just taken place. duCharme has been in Benenden for five weeks, "networking" visiting colleagues at other schools, picking up threads, bidding hail and also farewell. There is, clearly, a sense about her of embracing opportunity. "Home," she says, "is where you are" — no moaning nostalgia for her, no looking back. She has the ability to move forward with enthusiasm to great events. She has enjoyed Manhattan but it is time to leave, as before she left Florida and old New England. After nearly 20 years of teaching in America, her cheery British accent is still there; lots else, however, has diluted her Beckenham soul.

"What is the best of America that I'm taking back? Oh, optimism and energy. Hopelessness is not my thing. It's unproductive to moan. I'm an optimist and a worker. I've always said that good people can get jobs and in America I think that's still true. I'm not sure that is valid in England at the moment so I don't have an exact answer as to what we'll be educating people to do. But resignation? No, I've not got any of that, sorry."

It is interesting that she never refers to the "girls" of Benenden — much less the "girls," the latter a weak joke that actually makes her blush. With annoyance? Or embarrassment? It is hard to tell: she does not much like being dug away at. Mention of Mr Jean Louis duCharme, for instance, elicits a wry response. They are divorced, there were no children — end of discussion. She is actually, a marvelously up-to-date version of the heroine headmistress. That whole generation of Busses and Bees, all the noble spinster whores who fell early in Flanders — were they not, truly, as independent as she? She is, of course, better looking but that would be part of it too: she is tall, slender,

with extraordinary blue eyes, vivid red hair and fine porcelain skin. Successful, effective — the dream executive. The private shyness may be there; the public openness covers it well. What a splendid role model to follow, training across the border into the sixth form. "I'm not the heroine model at all, I'm afraid," she says, "but I would like to be a mentor."

Mentor, MBWA (management by wandering), team management, co-operation, being sensitive about not pigeonholing, indeed, she is taking back in that invisible suitcase of hers, more than a question of substance — she will talk unabashedly of idealism, of learning to make a contribution to



Gillian duCharme  
— picture by Garry Weaser

society — she even uses the unfashionable phrase: noblesse oblige. "The mentality does seem to be spreading, to go out and get the most money," she says, "but I like to hope that Town School children are not like that. (Hollow laughter off-stage.)" It is her style that is refreshing her dislike of any we-they sense of confrontation. "I don't believe in pontificating — we all got preached at when we were young, I was very intimidated — especially at Cambridge. Life's too difficult to be going about frightening people. Jollying along gets you a lot further. The world is so

rough, why can't one be effective yet humane?" In America, they seemed to be. But that was the way the country was for women at the time and basically I had no choice but to come away from the Observer, she thought "why not?" "One had always had this sneaking feeling in one's mind that maybe, one day, they'd want me in England. Why should I be 3,500 miles from my nearest relatives all my life? Why should I always be a foreigner? Sometimes, you long to know people you've known all your life."

So, nearly 25 years later, when her sister in Nottinghamshire sent her the discreet Benenden advertisement from the Observer, she thought "why not?" "One had always had this sneaking feeling in one's mind that maybe, one day, they'd want me in England. Why should I be 3,500 miles from my nearest relatives all my life? Why should I always be a foreigner? Sometimes, you long to know people you've known all your life."

There are good reasons for going a way of life that she misses. "Silly things, people shouldn't mind about — trees, space, pubs, tennis on green grass. There is, too, a way of life she is leaving — one that is wearing her down. "I can't think I'll need completely the tough skin I've had to acquire in New York. This city requires every sinew I have. I've had five years at Town, five wonderful years of blood sweat and tears, long hours, lots of energy used. It's a burn-out job."

IN HER introduction to Making For The Open, The Chatter Book of Post-Feminist Poetry 1964-1984 (Chatto & Windus £4.95), Carol Rumens says that the poems she has included "proclaim only themselves," they have been selected for their excellence; the political implication of the book's subtitle is a declaration of the anthology's spoliage. The term "post-feminist" expressing "a psychological, rather than political condition" — that of "mental freedom".

Fifty-six women poets, old and young, from thirteen different countries, are represented by a few poems each. All have established reputations in their own countries if not internationally. The poems have no unifying theme — some are political, some humorous. They are all of a high standard and different readers will respond to different poems and poems. I was particularly struck by Elaine Feinstein's translation of Fever by Bella Akhmadulina which bears out Ms Rumens's claim that Russian poetry is particularly amenable to English translation.

Ms Rumens hopes that a small stepping stone to the time when we do not feel obliged to think of writers in terms of gender at all. As if to hasten on this day, she has tended — intentionally or not — to choose poems that do not draw attention to their writers' sex: there is little domestic paraphernalia, children are limited, so are love poems.

Some of the poems, including one of the longest in the collection, The Constant Tin Soldier, by U. A. Fanthorpe, are written in the male personae. But is genderless poetry a desirable aim? Women will always be able to write with more insight about certain subjects than men (the converse is not necessarily true): to abandon this strength would be a loss rather than a gain.

Ms Rumens also hopes that the anthology will be noted "by those who think there are

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no women poets of any merit, and by those generous souls who believe that women should be judged by less than stringent measurements of excellence." This seems a little pessimistic. Sappho has been venerated for over two thousand years and I doubt that today's serious critics differentiate between male and female poets — though this sort of condescension is rife in other fields.

The scope of Making For The Open is ambitious — a global offering of the best of poetry written by women over the past 20 years. The undertaking will have been justified even if the book only succeeds in winning new readers for some of the poets it features. Contributors include Fleur Adcock, Amy Clampitt, Margaret Atwood, Grace Nichols — to name but a few.

Emily's Bread by Sandra M. Gilbert (Norton £5.95) is the anthology's introduction. Dedicated to two women poets by its title, Brontë and Dickinson, whose merit is beyond question — it opens with the poet confronting and embracing her gender as she addresses the Muses:

They said I couldn't find you. They said because I'm a she, Because the s in my name blows my features, A hiss around my face like uncombed hair, You wouldn't be interested.

The Muses' response is that her gender is "A mandate, not a shroud." Ms Gilbert's poems abound in female parts, kitchen appliances, food, clothing and with these she weaves metaphors, illustrates conflicts and ironies and always makes verbal music. Not all her poems sing the body domestic but some of the best do, such as The Dressmaker's Dummy ("headless, armless, / a barren stork on one steel leg...") and the short poem Pink.

Ms Gilbert has co-authored (with Susan Gubar) an

acclaimed critical study of nineteenth-century women writers, The Madwoman in The Attic. Emily's Bread, her second collection of poems, is breathtakingly good, once opened it is hard to put down and many of the poems engender that thrill of excitement — half intellectual, half physical — which is surely the acid test of a poem's quality.

Adrienne Rich describes herself as a Jewish lesbian feminist. She grew up in an American east coast community (only her father was Jewish), she was married for 17 years and she has three sons. The Fact Of A Deaf Frame (Norton £7.95 paperback, £18.95 cloth) is a selection from her many previous collections of poems and includes some of her most recent work. With her political awakening in the 60s, there is a conspicuous change in her poetry, she begins to question her medium: "I am afraid of the language in my hand." The effortless lyricism of the earlier poems gives way to a self-consciousness about the act of writing and a deep concern about the political implications of language: "Everything we write / will be used against us / or against those we love."

Some of the later poems do not seem to have undergone sufficient creative gestation, the poet has been overtaken by the polemical and the surreal only fleetingly in the odd image or phrase.

Those who already know Ms Rich through her prose works, Of Woman Born and On Lies, Secrets and Silence (published by Virago) — books which have inspired many a faint-hearted feminist — will welcome this selection of her poems. Ms Rich has made for the open wielding a machete where those of us who hold less extremist views snip tentatively with kitchen scissors and secateurs, grateful for the clearing which she and others of her kind have made on our behalf.

Deborah Singmaster

Is it Thatcher's Britain or merely modern man's inhumanity to everyone he meets that explains the verbal harassment of a child? ponders Diana Eden after her daughter's encounter with the man from the council

## A visit from the bailiff

LAST WEEK the bailiff came to call. An event, it must be said, not unfamiliar to my impoverished, freelance way of life. Yet I haven't seen their chilling faces for the last few years and I am always keen to pass the time of day with folk or even, depending on my state of desperation, make a proposal or two of marriage. However, I was out.

Life is full of little ironies but one of almost medium-size is that this timely visit took place during my final week on a temporary radio contract. So that evening I had stumbled wearily across the threshold, engrossed in thoughts of "Where the hell do I go from here?" and "What's to become of us all?" nature, to be greeted by my daughter waving a billet-doux signed by J. McKay.

Wandsworth Council's would-be man upon my doorstep. "Dear Sir or Madam," it hedged — its betislingly began, "I have today called to execute a Warrant of Distress in respect of outstanding rates. The amount due is set out above" (It was 327 smackers and an extra 23 for the good measure known as Costs) — and failing payment in full forthwith I repeat that I shall have no alternative but to remove sufficient effects to satisfy that claim. Yours faithfully, J. McKay.

There can be no arguing with his courteous closing salutation for bailiffs are nothing if not feverishly committed to their pursuit of debtors. And there can be no clearer indication of their conscientious attitude than the staggering number of notes admissible in its brevity, all that any campaign for clear English could desire — was handed, unenvolved, to my daughter, who is 12 years old.

She had answered the door, her 17-year-old brother was elsewhere in the house, and been confronted by a "grumpy, fat old man," who obviously had few qualms about warranting distress upon pre-pubescent girls. In fact, he took her into his confidence with some vigour.

"Your mother's promised to pay us and she hasn't, if she doesn't pay we'll send the bailiffs round. (Not quite true, I had telephoned a city clerk several months ago, but only to say apologetically that although they had granted me a rebate not even the rates department was gifted with the ability to get blood out of a stone, and I'd sent them 50 guild by way of — literally — buying time.)

My daughter, who is acutely shy with strangers, says she tried to smile throughout his proclamation because she didn't want to show him that she was upset. (The children seem cynically unconvinced that our massed possessions would equal anything near the required amount.)

Now to save us all from reaching for our hankies, I shall but briefly dwell upon day to day life here at Hard-up Hall; I am, of course, that contemporary Widow Twanky, the single-parent, but though I have constant penny often plummet to cruel, sub-zero temperatures — somehow we survive. God knows, and so do I, that the saving grace of the freelance broadcaster is that one's ship may sink, there is always another will, at last, come in. The rates, for instance, will be paid, because the lottery of my contract brought money in lieu of the four weeks' holiday that I had cannily opted not to take.

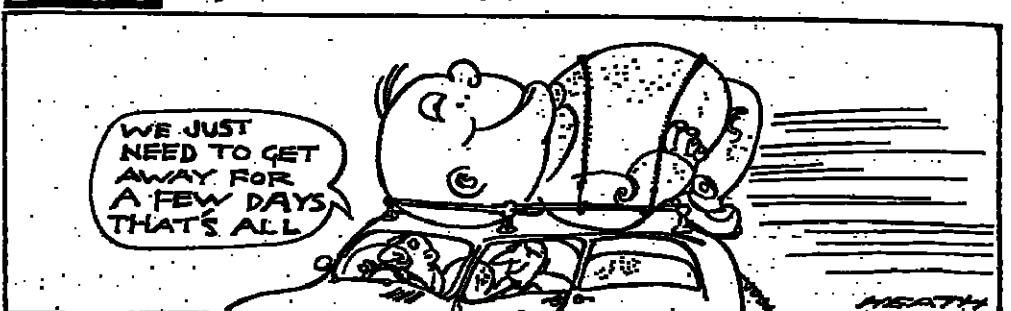
However, pride in my daughter's reaction, when faced by a winged messenger of the gods quickly gives way to more unpleasing thoughts. A creditors' convention beneath my leading roof is now a routine part of my life, pantomime, and so far we have always found one last cow for my son to take to market and exchange for magic beans. But what of other families less well placed?

There must be hundreds of these sinister visits daily, made to households infinitely more vulnerable than mine, made to mothers of many children, bigger problems and far fewer hopes of rescue or solation. And is it Thatcher's Britain or merely modern man's inhumanity to everyone he meets that explains the verbal harassment of a child? Such incidents evoke images that are entirely Dickensian.

Whatever the reasons for this far from pretty pass, it is a parable of the Eighties. Unemployment reaches the four million mark, miners' families are clobbered by debts accrued and valiantly borne throughout their months of strike but for the Brokers' Men it is business as per usual.

The only hope can be that, as Government and bureaucracy have made this harsh, unyielding bed, growing numbers will feel disinclined to when it remains so barren unimproved by Sir Jasper Stonyheart up at his big Town Hall.

## BABY By Michael Heath



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Edward Greenfield reviews compact re-issues

## Pocket history

ONE of the more unexpected roles of the compact disc has been to give a facelift to historic recordings, often as dramatically as a discoloured varnish had been cleaned off an old master. But just as blemishes sometimes get revealed in paintings, so the cleaning up of old master-tapes in digital transfers reveals faults that were never obvious on old-fashioned discs.

The latest historic issue to receive this treatment is Benjamin Britten's own recording of the War Requiem. As a master interpreter of his own music, both as pianist and conductor, he made a unique series of recordings, but this one stands in a special place, if only because it adds to what can be experienced in a live performance.

So Britten's concept of contrasting settings of the Latin liturgy for soprano, chorus and full orchestra with settings of Wilfred Owen's poems for tenor, baritone and chamber orchestra, heightened in the recording by changes of acoustic. Now on CD (Decca 414 883-2 two CDs) that contrast between spaciousness and intimacy is made extraordinarily vivid, for the range of voices and instruments is firm and precise in a way that it is not even in the recent digital recording from Simon Rattle (HMV 7 4704 6 two CDs).

The bluntness that emerges is the tape-hiss, much higher than normal even on old recordings. Happily the ear tends to register that merely in the seconds before the music starts, and hardly at all during the performance. Though Rattle's warmer, less monumental view of the work remains very compelling, the extra authority of Britten's own is never in doubt, using the sopranos, Vishnevskaya, Pears, Fischer-Dieskau, for whom the roles were expressly written.

What CD does on every level is to clarify and make more specific, and that can bring drawbacks as well as advantages. It is good to hear Wilhelm Furtwängler's historic performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on CD (HMV CDC 47081 2), originally recorded live in 1951 at the reopening of the Festspielhaus in Bayreuth, but with the clearer sound you tend to notice audience noises more, and the fact that this is two-dimensional mono, not stereo.

Ears adjust on such points as come more readily than others, and my own, trained early to listen through the snow-storm sounds of 78 rpm discs, take just as readily to another even older Furtwängler recording of Beethoven's Ninth issued for the first time on LP (HMV ED 37 0123 1).

It was made at the old Queen's Hall, when the Berlin Philharmonic visited London for the Coronation concert of May 1927, and inevitably the sound is more restricted still than the Bayreuth recording. But as an interpretation I find it even more compelling, more tautly urgent in the first movement, faster in the scherzo, more measured in the first but not the second theme of the slow movement.

The limitations on the sound, including background roar, eccentric beat and spurious in the choral finale, and I never thought to hear any conductor, even Furtwängler, whip up such a frenzy of hysteria in the coda. But I find irresistible the sense of being present at a great occasion almost half a century ago, with some wonderful solo work from Erna Berger and particularly from a first-timer, East German, Rudolf Watzke.

High on the list of historic recordings transferred to D are the two sets of Wagner's Ring cycle in process of release. The first of the series, *Die Walküre* (Decca 414 101-2 three CDs), revealed amazingly vivid sound for 1958 but bumps and bangs, previously concealed, were formidable. *Die Walküre* (414 110-2 four CDs) recorded in 1955 and Siegfried (414 105-2) recorded in 1958 have now followed, bringing far fewer unscheduled bumps and sound of astonishing quality. Even so I have been surprised how kept the historic Ring cycle on CD, recorded in 1957 live at Bayreuth with Karl Böhm conducting a first-rate cast.

*Walküre* (Philips 412 473-2 four CDs) and *Siegfried* (412 483-2 four CDs) have, though, appeared, and the sound is far thinner with the electric brass, the electric atmosphere has me riveted, with Böhm an urgent rather than a reflective Wagnerian.

## Concert dates

Abbado/LSO/Ewing (Barbican tonight 7.45 p.m.) Mahler's contribution to the latest instalment of the series is the *Adagio* of the Symphony no. 10. Also his arrangement of Beethoven's *Coriolan* overture. Mark Evans in the soloist in *Barbican* (tonight 7.45 p.m.) Two concertos for the keyboard. Ashkenazy/RPO/Harrell (Fairfield Croxson Saturday 8 p.m.) Two concertos for the keyboard. Ashkenazy directs from the keyboard in

## Requiem for the documentary?

Hugh Hebert reports on the slices of life that have replaced poetic realism

TELEVISION can paint its special glass even on disaster. The first ravishing shot of Mohamed Amin's African Calvary (BBC2) is of what seems a peaceful cluster of tents in a calm dawn with a thin drift of mist across its throat like a scarf. But this is Ethiopia, isn't it? And we soon know it is: the regiments of the starving, covered by the sun, the shrivelled babies and the shrunken old, the solitary figure bearing what looks like a discarded garment, but is a dead child.

This is every much Amin's personal statement about the famine that he filmed earlier with Michael Buerk, the BBC report that sparked public concern last autumn. Buerk, in an introduction, calls it not a news story, not even a documentary, but a requiem. It is also a

renewed appeal for funds, and at that level you can only wish it success.

What we need now is the longer film Amin has made, but not yet shown, about the causes of the famine not only here but, tramping all over Africa, and about why even urgent warnings like those that went out from the UN in 1983 can be ignored. You even as you think that, you sense what the relief agencies call "compassion fatigue" begin to fog the corners of your consciousness.

It raises uncomfortable questions about television documentaries. Why, for instance, did the Amin/Buerk report on BBC news prove to be the key to unlock public response? It came a couple of months after Charles Stewart's longer — but late night — documentary about

the famine. Maybe that kind of report, in a main news bulletin, was the one thing that would really get the reaction moving.

Does that mean that if a disaster does not get its six minutes on the Nine or Ten O'Clock news, none of its gets out the chequebook? The media suffer from their special kind of inflation, the Granada series *Television*, coming alive at last, gave us a hard-eyed analysis of that in its programme on the documentary.

In many ways it was a lament for a form of television that has been changed almost out of recognition. The documentary that television inherited from the cinema was a kind of poetic realism — in the British cinema's great documentaries,

you might well find that Auden had worked on the script or Britten on the score. Denis Mitchell, who made this sort of television documentary in the late 1950s, with ordinary people speaking ordinary thoughts in the streets, put it bluntly: "The rot started, for me, when the journalist took possession of television. Now you see presidents assassinated on television, much more exciting than a scrap of poetry."

The Granada analysis for some reason totally ignores the fact that these older types of documentary still exist. For instance, just another day, Arena, some of the First Tuesday series, even the 20th Century Remembered (BBC-1), which kicked off last night the first

of four very staid old-fashioned interviews with Barbara Castle about her political life.

But there is some truth in the central argument that the classic documentary form has been largely chased from the small screen by what is in effect in-depth news coverage on one side, and by drama based on real life on the other. Documentary is now usually assumed to be our damned consciences pricking again.

Take last night's First Tuesday (Yorkshire), which offered a film about a Beirut family surviving through the long trauma of the Lebanese war, and another about a social problem that is frighteningly close to home: racist attacks on black and Asian families in the more

blighted areas of our cities. What it reveals is not that it is happening — which was well documented — but the extent to which the police fail to take any action. For a start, the police may be unwilling to accept that an assault, or an attack on someone's home or car is racially inspired.

That might not matter so much if they just did something about the crime itself. Yet some of the attacks that Peter Moore's film covered showed that even where there has been repeated harassment, or where the police have provided some surveillance, or where witnesses were available, arrests were made in only a very small proportion of cases.

This film saw the nail and hit it hard on the head, but

beside the exquisite artistry of Amin's requiem for the dead of Ethiopia, it looked pretty rough. It was, in terms of the Granada analysis, an extended news item about a matter of urgent public interest, and I suspect no one will do anything about it.

So what is left for documentary in its true form? Films made over longer and longer periods — 21 years for Granada's own *Seven Up* series. Spectaculars set up for the purpose, a Japanese speciality — they had a man ski down Everest. Series of programmes, *The Family*, *Poltergeist* and those gripes about soap operas or cop series, with that vital added vitamin, Reality. And, of course, animals. There are always animals, and James Burke.

Michael Billington reports from Chicago on a range of theatre to rival Broadway

## A wonderful town for the new

THERE is more to the American theatre than Broadway. Washington is the home of the new American National Theatre. Louisville has its annual New Plays Festival, and Chicago is now beginning to rival New York in the quality and variety of its work. It boasts 93 theatres, some famous companies (the Goodman, Steppenwolf, Second City), and is an artistic base for three of the hottest talents in American theatre: David Mamet, John Malkovich, and director Gregory Mosher.

The theatre is Chicago's biggest growth industry, partly because of the inspirational example of the Second City revue company founded 25 years ago; partly because it is possible for a fledgling company to hire a performer for as little as \$75 a week; and partly because Chicago supports its own. The key question is how long the major talents will resist the siren-call of New York and Hollywood. A good example is Gregory Mosher, a lean, bald young guy with a nervous habit of throwing his pen across the table at you as he talks. Mosher came to Chicago in 1974, became artistic director of the Goodman Theatre in 1978, and in that time has staged a staggering 37 world or American premieres, many of them by David Mamet.

Mosher's latest venture is the creation of the New Theatre Company, built around writers Mamet and John Guare and a semi-permanent team of actors and designers. Next month it moves into a converted 350-

seat warehouse, which Mosher dubs a "Chicago Cottolene". But, ironically, at the moment when Mosher is fulfilling his dream of creating a "family company," he is being assiduously wooed to take over the moribund Vivian Beaumont Theatre at New York's Lincoln Centre.

I caught the first venture of the New Theatre Company, which is Mosher's production of *The Cherry Orchard* in a gutsy, colloquial version by David Mamet. I had been warned to expect something controversial: in fact, I found something exactly familiar. The bare, peeling back wall, the absence of furniture except for rugs and cushions, the one and three quarter hour, no intermission playing of the text — all these were a direct imitation of Mamet's 1980 Paris production. The problem is Mosher has asped Brook's spartan simplicity without achieving his rich emotional texture.

Although the way of the vogue for free adaptations, I did however warn to Mamet's Chicagoan Chekhov. Given Mamet's fondness for four-letter words, local wags had suggested it might become *The Bleeping Cherry Orchard*. In fact, Mamet has endowed the characters with the looping repetitions and fragmented sentences that are his trademark. But the language also has a pungent refreshing directness.

But although Mamet's text combines unfettered emotion with everyday hesitation, Mosher's morally neutral production is dry, fast, and strangely passionless. Lind-

say Crouse, a fine actress, plays Ranevskaya in a perverse monotone and seems as affected by the loss of her home as by a late laundry delivery.

The one exception to the prevailing coolness is the character of Mr. Riegt (of Local Hero fame). He plays the character beautifully from his own point of view as a man who combines class, vengeance with an undigested love for Ranevskaya: during the second act he stares at her with rapt, still devotion while Varya (Lisa Zane) in turn looks longingly at him. Mr. Riegt is an actor to watch.

In treating the play as brisk comedy, Mosher has however stripped it of emotional resonance (we don't even hear the famous sound of the snapping string). But new companies should never be judged by their first production; and this one goes on to present a new Mamet double-bill, *The Shawl* and *The Spanish Prisoner*, the text of which I have read. The longer piece, *The Shawl*, strikes me as a cryptic masterpiece. It is the story of a fake medium who is trying to cheat a troubled woman of her fortune; but a Pinterish ambiguity hangs over the proceedings since the medium seems to have made genuine contact with the client's mother. I just hope our resident Mamet expert, Bill Bryden, picks up this haunting play.

Meanwhile, the big Goodman stage (Mosher rejects the term "main") is currently housing a touring production by New York's

Negro Ensemble Company of *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men* by Lonne Elderkin III. First staged in 1968, it is a landmark in the Ensemble's history and one of their first shows to attract an integrated audience. Set in a Harlem barber's shop in the late 1930s, it shows a free-lance father and his two roustabout sons falling victim to a racketeer who converts their place into a front for bootlegging. The moral is clear: the family that preys together doesn't stay together. But although the piece now seems a mile-folkie, it is worth seeing for a fine performance by the veteran Douglas Turner Ward as the fantasising, ex-hoof father.

But, outside the Goodman, the company that has made Chicago theatrically famous is the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, founded in 1976 by a group of people who had studied at Illinois State University. In the last two years its productions of *True West*, *And a Nightingale Sang*, and *Salmon Is Glazed*, have taken off-Broadway by storm; and its most famous alumnus is John Malkovich, an intense, laser-eyed young man whose brilliant gift to Dustin Hoffman's Willy Loman in the Broadway *Death of a Salesman* suggested to me he is the most exciting American actor since Brando.

Malkovich is now back at the tiny Steppenwolf directing a new play by Lynn Seibert, *Coyote Ugly*, which I saw in preview. The play itself is a fascinating piece of American Gothic comedy dealing with incest in Ar-

izona — a blend of Charles Addams and Sam Shepard. A young teacher returns to the family home with his new wife only to discover that his ferocious rabbit-trapping sister is, in fact, his own daughter. The play made me want to have Arizona a wide berth, but I liked its exhilarating blend of domestic drama and wild farce. As I remarked to Malkovich (who, unimpressed, sought an instant analysis of the play on the curtain-fall) it is the funniest play about incest I've seen; and the performances by the smouldering Morris Harris as the intrusive father, and Glennie Headly as the well-oiled wife made me understand why Steppenwolf is currently regarded as America's leading ensemble.

Obviously there is more to teaching Chicago theatre than I caught. There is the still-surviving improvisatory Second City. There is a company called *Wisconsin Bridge*, who come to the Lyric Studio in May with their version of Jack Henry Abbott's *In the Belly of the Beast*. And next year (funds permitting) Chicago aims to stage an international Theatre Festival with the prospect of our own National taking in McKellen in a double-bill of *The Critic* and *The Windy City* is currently bursting at the seams with theatre must of it company based). The fascinating, still-to-be-answered question is how it will survive the depredations that in America almost invariably accompany fashion and success.

ALDWYCH  
Michael Billington

## Jumpers

TOM STOPPARD'S *Jumpers*, which last year proved ill-suited to the circular space of the Royal Exchange, Manchester, turns up trumps in Peter Wood's revival at the Aldwych. What astonishes one, as it did at the Old Vic 13 years ago, is Stoppard's ability to crash through the barrier dividing serious and popular theatre by combining a messy philosophical argument with a mixture of murder, mystery, strip-show and razzle-dazzle acrobatic display.

In only one sense has the play dated. It is predicated on the assumption that the lunar landings will throw into disarray all the spiritual absolutes by which man has lived for two thousand years: it is very much the argument used by the Inquisition towards Galileo and it seems no more relevant now than it was then. Even if there has been a decline in social behaviour over the last 16 years, it can hardly be attributed to the spectacle of American astronauts playing golf on the moon.

But the heart of the play lies in the lecture being hammered out by moral philosopher George Moore on the question of whether God exists and whether social morality is conditioned by environment or is the result of divine law.

The success of any production of *Jumpers* depends on that question — and Paul Eddington, to his credit, steers us through the labyrinthine complexity of Moore's argument without hiding behind donnish mannerisms. What is more, he highlights something I have never seen before — the man's sheer gut-wrenching agony at the prospect of his wife's adultery.

Felicity Kendal as his show-biz wife, who breaks down on moon-june lyrics, brings to the role an indispensable satiny glamour, plus the sense of being a tormented tease. Simon Cadell also lends the ludicrous logician, Sir Arch-

ibald Jumper, the kerkie-in-the-cuff the play rather than many a campus.

ORANGE TREE  
Desmond Christy

## Hamlet

"OMILET, Omilet, dies ist dein Feyder's spooke", is how Hamlet Sur comes across in Dutch, as Geoffrey Madan has noted. The First Quarto of Hamlet (1606) is a play that is not only because it is so much shorter than the fullest version of the play, the Second Quarto (1608). Your ears expect say, there's the rub, but hear "ay, there's the point", "dunghill idiot slave" replaces "rogue and peasant slave" and "it's 'cavalier to the million' not 'to the general'". It is fun to find the heroes of Stoppard's play going under the names of Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern. But you quickly get caught up in the excitement of the play rather than in the peculiarities of text.

Much of the credit for this must go to the director, Sam Walters, who stages the play with the bare minimum of props and lets the words and our imaginations furnish the scenery. He satisfies the grounding in us by telling a gripping tale swiftly. His Hamlet, Peter Guinness, is one of Wittenberg's mature students, a fairly serious fellow, hungry-looking as if Sir Keith Polonius cut his grant to nothing — and not given to thinking too precisely on the event.

Despite his advice to the players, he likes to see the air with his hands. He's mad but it's temper not insanity, provoking anguish rather than angst. Not a Second Quarto, First Folio prince but an unbeatatable one for the "bad" quarto. Great lines may be missing from this version but the vitality of Guinness means that we never feel the loss.

There's lots more to enjoy. I'm a sucker for Ophelia, but I'm sure that Kate Spiro's Ophelia is as moving as I found her to be. Frank Moore's Corambis (Polonius), rash, intruding but no fool, is another refreshing incarnation of a familiar character. The rest of the parts are all handled creditably.

Edward Greenfield

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## Wonderful Town

IN THE late Forties and Fifties Leonard Bernstein wrote no fewer than four Broadway musicals with New York settings. The best, and best-known, are the first and the last. *On the Town*, which boasted choreography by Jerome Robbins, and *West Side Story*, which had lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book not far after William Shakespeare.

The play, *My Sister Eileen*, which derived in turn from Ruth McKenney's short stories, did not start with quite the same advantages. It was a surprise, a feeling of déjà-vu.

It is, in fact, rather a trivial entertainment, with facile values and mainly rather banal lyrics (though What A Waste has some bite and the Irish Policemen's chorus some charm). Musically it is not Bernstein at his best, for all the usual sure-fire trick of building a superbly fashionable melody on a basis of gold, old-fashioned melody. To come off, the show needs plenty of polish.

These it certainly has in abundance. The Cambridge Corambis production at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. Cherry Gillespie's choreogra-

phy kept 'em moving and John Owen Edwards's fine orchestra belted it out from the overture's first strident brass Bronx cheers.

Maggie O'Neill as the pretty one and Carol Reed as the other one are all they should be. The sisters from Ohio determined to make it in the big bad city at the end of the Depression, and Bryan Torfeh, as the soft-centred newspaperman who helps them do it, combines the looks of a Ronald Colman with the voice of a Howard Keel. Sally Pearson and Lorin Stewart stand out in the talented ensemble.

BATH

David Foot

## One For The Road

NOT QUITE the best of Willy Russell. But the Scouse-spawned exuberance is still there, along with the

visual and verbal jokes, and the social comment.

One For The Road looks as though it was perhaps rushed off by Russell between pints. There is not necessarily anything wrong with that, but the territory (up-market Phase 2 estate living) is rather too familiar by now. We know the elevated plonk and the misplaced obscenities will be coming out — with most of the snobbish clichés to be found among socially aspiring couples.

Even when he's inclined to be facile, Willy Russell is still more true and valid about the things that concern him than many of his more pretentious contemporaries. This is a comedy about wanting to escape from a pre-ordained destiny. Denis, the paint-spraying dreamer, so nearly does. His is the least stereotyped character and we would have liked him developed more.

But the cast of four — David Cardy, Ishia Bennison, Helen Shapiro and Patrick Monckton — are nicely contrasted and build the visual and emotional crises with an unforced and well-observed

sense of comedy. The construction of the piece lacks a neat progressive pattern. It lacks nothing at all, however, in this early production at Bath's Theatre Royal, where it comes to bouncy and balanced playing, and better quality TV-style sitcom home truths.

PLYMOUTH

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## Ralph Steadman

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Details and application forms from Joy Unga, Nucleus, 298 Old Brompton Road, London SW5. Tel: (01) 373 1379.

EXPERIENCED  
CO-ORDINATOR

to work in existing staff team. Responsible for day-to-day management and supervision of committee of local people. Must have useful office skills, including budget and finance. Friendly personality with initiative and imagination essential.

Salary £10,100 p.a.  
Phone 01-615 5801 for application form, to be returned by 19th April to:

MILCHUTE PARK AND FARM  
A thriving community project in East London requires

MILCHUTE PARK  
Pier Street, London E14.

SIMON COMMUNITY  
(GLASGOW)

Simon Community is looking for women who can contrast themselves to 12 months' full-time voluntary residential work. You would be working in our house on Chesham which accommodates up to six women with a long history of homelessness and alcohol-related problems.

Volunteers live-in, and share with the women in the routine of the house. Experience of community living and/or homelessness preferred, but not essential. Full support and training opportunities.

For details phone Anne, Tim or Clive on 041-221 1008.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
& CONSUMER SERVICES

## Environmental Health Division

Secretary to Chief  
Environmental Health  
Officer

(Ref E10) Salary: £7803 - £9510 pa inc

Lambeth is a leading authority in the provision of a wide range of Environmental Health services. We wish to improve the conditions in which people live - the quality of their housing, the cleanliness of the air they breathe, health and safety at the workplace and hygiene in the places they eat and food. This is only part of the list of services we provide.

To assist the CEHO in running this large organisation of some 210 staff, we need an able and enthusiastic secretary, with good typing and shorthand skills - 60/100 wpm under test conditions and sufficient experience to be able to provide a full secretarial service.

You will be working as part of a small secretariat, which also supports the Director and the Chief Consumer Services Officer, and will be expected to cover and share the workload of the other secretaries as necessary. Much of your work will be confidential and the ability to maintain that confidentiality is essential. You will be expected to take a genuine interest in the work of the Directorate and in particular must be committed to the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy, which is integral to the services we provide.

Apart from offering a 35 hour week, flexible working hours etc, this post is an opportunity to undertake an interesting and demanding work in a stimulating environment.

Individuals can apply for job sharing.

For application form and further details - contact the Personnel and Support Services Section, Directorate of Environmental Health and Consumer Services, 139-146 Clapham Park Road, London SW4 7DD, or Tel: 01-822 0655 Ext 116.

Closing date 23rd April, 1985.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

## LAMBETH

SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

Leisure and Recreation  
Manager

£15,042 - £16,065 p.a., PO(g)

Horsham District Council has had a continuing programme, since its formation in 1974, of strengthening and developing the leisure and recreation facilities it provides for the community. The result is a function which spans Swimming and Recreation Centres, Museum, Country Park and Arts Centre, and a job as head of department which represents an outstanding managerial challenge to a high calibre professional.

We are therefore seeking applications from men and women, who can: - combine sound operational management ability with the strategic planning role necessary to maintain the development of our services - show a record of successful and wide ranging professional and managerial experience in the field of leisure and recreation - demonstrate a flexible, innovative and entrepreneurial approach to the provision of local authority services.

The post is based in Horsham itself which is the commercial and industrial centre of the District (population 105,000) which covers 200 square miles of extremely attractive countryside within easy reach of London and the South Coast.

In addition to salary the post attracts essential car and telephone user allowances; and where appropriate a generous and comprehensive relocation package.

An application form and further details can be obtained from: Personnel and Management Services Officer, Horsham District Council, New Park House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, BN18 1BL. Telephone: Horsham 04287 (24 hour answering service).

CLOSING DATE: 19th April, 1985. Ref: CS25.

horsham district council

in the County of West Sussex

## Team Leader

Ref: SS274(55) £12,213-£13,197 inc

Applications are invited from qualified social workers with at least two years' experience since qualifying, to lead a centrally based team specialising in providing social work services to mentally handicapped people, and their families.

The work of the team includes re-setting in the community mentally handicapped people who have been in long term institutional care, organising a boarding-out service at residential and day care establishments.

We are looking for someone who is innovative, has had a broad experience in a variety of social work methods, has good management and organisational skills and a commitment to mentally handicapped people.

The person appointed will have a special interest in developing close working relationships with colleagues in the Health Service and voluntary organisations, and will be involved in joint planning.

Applications from job sharers welcome. A leaflet explaining job sharing will be sent with application form.

For further information and to arrange an informal visit, telephone Zena Mason, Principal Social Worker (Health), 01-698 6121.

Part-time  
Social Worker

(17½ hours)

Sydenham Green Health Centre

£4,479-£5,835 approx. Ref: SS238(2)

There is a vacancy for a qualified Social Worker preferably experienced in working in a multi-disciplinary team in a health centre.

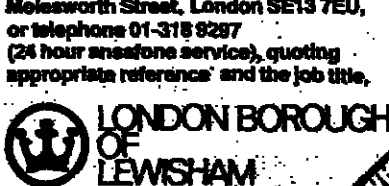
The health centre, which is based in a multi-racial area of Lewisham, is purpose-built, and opened four years ago. The social work team is well established and has a good working relationship with other members of the primary health care team.

We are looking for a social worker who is a competent and professional person, experienced in coping with crisis work and able to use their own initiative. The successful applicant should have the ability to work with health-related problems as well as having some interest in welfare rights and benefits.

There is opportunity for student supervision, and regular supervision is provided by the team leader. Good peer group support exists.

If you are interested please contact Mrs Allen, Area Team Co-ordinator, or Mrs Myring, Team Leader, on 01-699 0111 ext 234.

Application form, returnable by 19th April 1985, and detailed job description from: Chief Personnel Officer, Riverside Offices, 68 Molesworth Street, London SE13 7EU, or telephone 01-318 9287 (24 hour answering service), quoting appropriate reference and the job title.



Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes.

Let's keep them!

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITIESPrincipal  
Personnel Officer

£13,983-£15,015 p.a. inc.

Newham is a multi-racial Borough with well over a quarter of its population from a variety of ethnic minority groups, and is firmly committed to the promotion of equal opportunity. We are seeking someone with some years experience in equal opportunities and personnel management, preferably in a large organisation, to continue our development of equal opportunities policies in employment. An appropriate qualification in personnel management would be an advantage. The job requires a high level of tact and diplomacy, persuasive powers, an understanding of the forces which underlie racism and prejudice and an ability to translate that understanding into recommendations on effective personnel practice across the full range of personnel activities, including:

The development of personnel procedures  
Monitoring the equal opportunities policy  
Contributing to in-service training  
Participating in negotiations with trade unions.

Application forms and further particulars are available from the Chief Executive, Town Hall, East Ham, E6 2RP. Tel: 01-471 9619 (24 hour answering service). Please quote reference ASC355.

Closing date:  
19th April 1985.

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## LONDON INNOVATION NETWORK

A centre is being established for the development and support of socially useful innovations and prototypes through to manufacturing and employment initiatives for London.

To provide an important reception and information point to act as a 'shop window' for the Network, we require a

## 'FRONT OF HOUSE' PERSON(S) \*

To maintain a public relations programme, liaise with local community groups, build mailing and contact lists, follow-up proposals, initiate and maintain a 'product bank', co-ordinate a design survey and generally assist users to gain access to resources both within and outside the Centre in Hornsey Street. Familiarity with word-processing/data-base work and typing skills, plus the ability to run an efficient general office will be required.

\* Open to secondment or job-share consideration (funding under review from June, 1985).

Salary: £9,000 (under review).  
Please apply by ringing or writing to: Robin Dean, LONDON INNOVATION NETWORK, Unit B, Hornsey Street, London N7 8RN. Tel: 01-607 8141.

The LONDON INNOVATION NETWORK is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job. (The Centre is equipped with facilities for the disabled.)  
The LONDON INNOVATION NETWORK is funded by the Greater London Enterprise Board.

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WORKER

SUDAN PROJECT FOR INTEGRATION OF REFUGEE AND SUDAN URBAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH SELF-HELP SCHEMES. VOLUNTEER ALLOWANCE, TRAVEL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES. TWO-YEAR PERIOD, OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE, SINGLE.

APPLY: OVERSEAS SECRETARY  
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**Planning and Transportation  
Temporary Technical Officer**  
Ref. POST  
15222-27329 p.a.  
The team will have the dual role of both case work and development supported by a special budget. The team will be both integrated into the social work area and be active members of multi-disciplinary teams and work very closely with members of the Health Service.  
We seek additional senior social workers who have extensive experience in the mental health field and can work closely with Health Service colleagues in planning and evaluating a community based service and managing the social work team. Senior Social Workers will be expected to be approved under the 1983 Mental Health Act, carry a small specialist caseload, and be members of the Area Management Team. Evidence of experience and interest in work with the mentally ill is expected.  
We also require additional social workers including part time workers who are interested in specialising in this field. The development provides a balanced opportunity both to work with clients from a case work point of view and to develop community based alternatives to hospital.  
There are vacancies for social workers and senior social workers in all the areas.  
The organisation of the service will be related to the following Health Districts:  
Central Health District  
This is a large rural area where Health Authority boundaries are continuous with the area. The senior will be a specialist post and social workers will be integrated into the generic teams which are organised on a geographical basis. The senior will be expected to be self-sufficient within the next few years.  
Contact: Tony Hughes, Area Director, Telephone Mansfield 22551.  
Nottingham Health District  
The social work teams have been planned jointly with the Health Authority which has adopted its service delivery and is creating new community based mental health centres. The area is both urban and rural.  
Contact: Dr. Cox or J. Smith, Development Officers, Mental Health, Tel: Nottingham (0502) 82623 Ext. 3702 or 3602.  
Sheffield Area Office  
Required in the Sheffield Area Office, St. John Street, Mansfield to work in a team consisting of one Senior, one Area O.T., plus one O.T. Assistant with Clinical Support.  
**Senior Occupational Therapist**  
Ref. AC/OT/10  
25,552-210,107 p.a.  
Required to manage the team. Responsibilities will include supervising members of the team, allocating work, and advising management on policy and budgetary issues, as well as carrying a caseload.  
**Area Occupational Therapist**  
Ref. AC/OT/10  
25,552-210,107 p.a.  
Responsibilities include assessing the needs of clients, providing aids and adaptations and offering advice and support to disabled people and their families.  
Applicants (male or female) should be suitably qualified and experienced and will work closely with social workers and voluntary services personnel to provide a service to the physically handicapped and elderly members of the community. There are well established links with Homes for the Elderly and Day Centres for the Physically Handicapped, Hospitals, General Practitioners and the District Council Housing and Environmental Services Departments. An imaginative and energetic approach to the development of a more comprehensive service will be encouraged. Professional support and advice will be available. Applicants must be car drivers for which an essential car user allowance is paid.  
For further information/discussion contact:  
Sheila Davies, Assistant Area Director, Tel: Mansfield 22551.  
Relocation expenses where appropriate.  
Requests for application form and job description should be made in writing to the Staffing Section, Social Services Department at County Hall, Closing date 19 April. Please quote appropriate reference and post title when applying.  
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**Senior Social Worker (Team Leader)**  
Ref. JH/SSW/10  
£10,404-£11,025 p.a.  
Interested in leading a neighbourhood team in Nottingham? We are looking for a keen and committed man or woman to lead a team of six social workers and two social work assistants working in Nottingham City's North West Area. The team covers one large inner ward council estate, Bromley, a disadvantaged estate which has recently benefited from several developments and initiatives. The team is locally based and committed to a continuing developmental role as well as high standards in casework. The workload is generally high with a large population of child care work. The workers in the team are experienced and enthusiastic about their work. They are looking for a team leader who has a broad approach to social work and is keen to develop neighbourhood based ways of working, would help to manage his workload and keep the team in the forefront of developments in the area. The successful candidate will be part of the Area Management Team, thus taking a part in Area Management and development. Support, training and development of the team leader must be given high priority. Applicants should have COSW and at least 2 years post qualification experience.  
For further information/discussion contact:  
Jeff Parker, Area Director, or Malcolm Dillon, Assistant Area Director at Nottingham 295331.

**Senior Social Worker**  
Ref. JH/SSW/10  
£10,404-£11,025 p.a.  
The Hyson Green Team covers a demanding but interesting town area, notable for its high level of deprivation. This is a large team led by 2 Senior Social Workers and is in the process of moving into its own premises on the patch. The post carries joint responsibility for the functioning of the team and specific responsibility for 6 staff including 2 Social Workers (Ethnic Minorities) who have Divisional responsibilities. Applicants must be suitably qualified and experienced with experience in child care and be committed to developing a closer relationship with the community. Additionally applicants must be able to work in a multi-racial area and supervise black workers who are providing a service to clients and the community as well as advising and assisting other staff in the Department.  
Interview to be held on 3rd May.  
For further information/discussion contact:  
Jane Williams on Nottingham (0502) 506211 Ext. 205.  
New Strategy in Mental Health

**Senior Social Workers**  
Ref. SK/MS/10  
£10,404-£11,025 p.a.  
Social Workers  
Ref. SK/MS/10  
£10,404-£11,025 p.a.  
Salary according to experience - normally Level 2 (£3,552-£10,107 p.a.) if qualified with four years experience. Level 2 (£7,524-£12,820 p.a.) if qualified with two years experience. Pre course experience as a Social Worker is counted.  
Nottinghamshire County Council, Social Services Department is launching its three year development strategy for the social work service to the mentally ill. The core of this service is the creation of ten

**Nottinghamshire County Council**  
County Hall - West Bridgford  
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**GENERAL SECRETARY**  
CND requires a General Secretary responsible for policy implementation and co-ordination, with proven organisational and management skills, experience in non-commercial organisation(s), and commitment to the Campaign.  
For an application form and detailed job description, ring Judith Hanna on 01-263 0977, or write to CND, 11 Goodwin Street, London N4 3HQ. Closing date for completed applications: Friday April 19.  
CND operates a policy of pay parity with salary currently at £7,952 p.a. including London weighting. Job-related expenses are paid.  
We welcome your application, which will be considered on merit irrespective of race, marital status or sex.

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**CITY OF LONDON**  
Social Services Department  
**Social Worker**  
Regional Secure Unit,  
Bethlem Royal Hospital/NETRHA  
BASIC SALARY: £10,107-£11,259  
plus London Weighting  
Experienced in work with the mentally disordered?  
An exciting and challenging opportunity exists for an experienced and qualified social worker. He/she will be based at the purpose-built Denis Hill Unit at the Bethlem Royal Hospital and will be a member of the City's psychiatric social work team at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Eight beds at this unit are to be used by those patients from three Health Districts (City and Hackney, Tower Hamlets & Newham) in the North East Thames Region who are temporarily too disruptive for their local psychiatric hospital. They will be referred from prison and special hospitals as well as from ordinary psychiatric hospitals.  
The social worker will be expected to fully participate in the work of the multi-disciplinary team at the unit, which includes two other social workers, and will play a vital role in the assessment, treatment and after care of patients from the three Health Districts. Good communication and liaison with the relevant personnel of health, probation and social services in the Districts, particularly in the City and Hackney, will be essential.  
The social worker will make a significant contribution to the planning of services and policy for the future in relation to NETRHA and the City and Hackney. He/she will also be involved with training and research. A person who is keenly interested in the development of facilities and innovative approaches is sought. Good administrative and organisational skills will be needed as well as the professional confidence and maturity to take responsibility for this unusual job.  
The post is funded for three years initially. Car drivers/owners preferred.  
Further information and application form from Elizabeth Crowther, Director of Social Services, Milton Court, Moor Lane, London EC2.  
For informal discussion contact Elizabeth Crowther or John Loughman on 01-606 3030 ext. 2211.  
Closing date for applications: 15th April, 1985.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
**TEMPORARY CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT**  
Scale 6 - £01,532-£10,107  
Required for a 2 year experiment to foster the growth of manufacturing and service co-operatives throughout County Durham.  
Applicants should be familiar with the needs of small business and the assistance available to them and preferably have experience of working in the field of employment creation and help to industry and commerce. Knowledge and experience of working with workers' co-operatives essential. A degree or other appropriate qualification in a business-related subject is required. The post, within the County Planning Department's Industrial Bureau will involve a 2-year appointment. Caravanning, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify and candidates must disclose in writing whether, to their knowledge, they are related to any member or senior official of the council.  
Further information can be obtained by ringing Mr. L. E. Henson, (Industrial Officer), Tel: Durham 64411 ext. 2348.  
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**DEVELOPMENT WORKER**  
**LEWISHAM ENERGY PLAN**  
Lewisham Energy Plan is an innovative project which has been examining heating and energy issues within Lewisham's housing for the past 18 months.  
A job share has arisen to develop training programmes, conduct workshops and promote practical policies around heating. Good communication skills and a sound understanding of heating problems, fuel poverty and housing issues essential. Experience with community groups a valuable asset.  
The posts are funded by the GLC until the 31st March, 1986. Salary £11,700 inc. pro rata 26-hour week.  
For further details, write or phone Lewisham Energy Centre, 100, 5 Vetchin Park Road, London SE14. Tel: 01-732 1614. Closing date: 19th April, 1985.  
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**BRIGHTON LAW CENTRE**  
requires  
a 3-year solicitor (permanent)  
Salary £10,716  
a solicitor who may be newly-qualified (6 months locum)  
Salary £3,795  
An exciting opportunity with a new Law Centre in an area of unacknowledged deprivation.  
Application forms from Alan Farleigh, BCVS, 17 Ditching Rise, Brighton, Tel: 0273 692664.  
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**Director**  
(male or female)  
**MRC Mineral Metabolism Unit: Leeds**

The Medical Research Council invites applications for the post of full-time Director of the MRC Mineral Metabolism Unit, Leeds.  
The person appointed will have an established reputation as a scientific investigator, be able to develop the Unit's research programme and have the ability to manage and co-ordinate a research team.

The Unit is concerned with the pathogenesis, treatment and prevention of bone disease and of urinary stone disease. The precise scope and emphasis of the Unit's future programme will be a matter for discussion between the successful candidate and the Council but it is expected that the programme will include both clinical and non-clinical studies of calcium metabolism and will continue to exploit the excellent facilities available to the Unit within the General Infirmary in Leeds.

An appointment to the Council's staff will be in accordance with the Council's terms and conditions of service and with superannuation under the MRC Pension Scheme. The salary will be appropriate to the person appointed, either within the NHS Consultant Grade (in which case an honorary clinical contract will be arranged) or to the Council's Special Appointments Grade (which is equivalent to the Universities' Professorial Scale). The successful candidate will, if necessary, be offered assistance with moving expenses.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr Enid Bennett, MRC Headquarters Office, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL; telephone 01-636 5422 ext 363.

Applications in the form of a statement (about 1,000 words), outlining in general terms the scientific programme which the applicant would propose for the Unit, together with a curriculum vitae, list of publications, and the names of three referees, should be submitted not later than 14 May 1985 to the Secretary of the Council, at the above address.

**MRC**  
Medical Research Council

**MIND**  
COPELAND MIND  
WITHDRAWAL SCHEME  
PROJECT ORGANISER  
Required for 3 year DRESS funded scheme  
The organiser will set up, develop and administer the project, including special responsibility for project management. One will be responsible for a well coordinated support field worker, and a telephone counselling service co-ordinator.  
Relevant experience / qualifications an advantage.  
Starting Salary £7,254.  
Informal enquiries, job and project description from: Copeland MIND, 29a Duke Street, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA26 7EL. Tel: (0499) 62777.  
Applications by letter with CV and references. Closing date 10th April, 1985.

**TWO YOUNG GRADUATES**  
REQUIRED  
On one-year contracts to work with mentally handicapped people in Colchester. Salary £5,411 plus five weeks' holiday.  
Please apply in your own handwriting to:  
The Chairman  
Hemling Lodge  
Great Brighthelm  
Colchester, Essex

**ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS**  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
(EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER)  
DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
PLANNING ASSISTANT  
Scale 3/4 £5,422 - £7,329  
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**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
ENTERPRISE AND ESTATES

Dunfermline District combines tradition with growing high technology industry, outstanding natural beauty with diverse living environments, and is ideally located only 15 miles from Edinburgh across the Forth Road Bridge.

This senior appointment, arising with retirement, carries responsibility for the development and promotion of industry within the District. The Council's policies are being examined to ensure a comprehensive promotional strategy for the developing local economy through management of the Council's estates and landholdings. This will be coupled with a vigorous campaign to create jobs in association with the MSC, the private sector, the local community and charitable bodies.

Candidates should therefore possess considerable knowledge and experience of the industrial and commercial sectors, the property market and appropriate funding agencies. Salary is negotiable within the Council's range of salaries for Principal Officers. There is also a mileage allowance and a car loan scheme in operation and, where applicable, assistance will be provided with housing and relocation expenses.

Applications to, and further details available from:

**Dunfermline District Council**  
Chief Executive,  
Dunfermline District Council,  
Dunfermline, Fife KY12 7ND.  
Tel: 0363-222711.  
Closing date for applications is 25th April, 1985.

**BARNET SOCIAL SERVICES Centre Organiser**  
SALARY: £02 £11,061 to £11,682 per annum inclusive  
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For further information, telephone: 01-448 1488 MONICA CANNY Ext. 247 or EILEEN SLEIGH Ext. 245.  
Separation allowances and 100% removal expenses in approved cases. Essential User Car allowance. Application forms (Ref. 425) from Director of Social Services, 1331 High Road, Watlington, N20. Tel: 01-446 6857 (24 hour answering service).  
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## ISLINGTON IS GOING LOCAL

Islington is transferring its services to a network of Neighbourhood Offices in a major programme to improve the delivery of its services to the public. The services provided from each Neighbourhood Office include: Housing, Social Services with Home Help, Environmental Health, Repair Teams, Payment of Benefits, Payments to the Council, Advice on Council Services, and Welfare Rights. Phase 1 (4 Offices) are now opening and Phase 2 (2 Offices) are at an advanced stage of planning. This is one of the most advanced decentralisation programmes in Local Government.

These posts have been set up for candidates from any professional or administrative background in a small section responsible to the Chief Executive for co-ordinating the work of the Neighbourhood Offices.



Our jobs are open to all races, both sexes, lesbians and gay men, and we have a positive attitude towards the employment of disabled people.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVES DEPARTMENT DECENTRALISATION CO-ORDINATOR

Salary P06 from £16,290 - £17,313 pa inclusive

The postholder will be Head of the Neighbourhood Office Unit and reports to the Chief Executive. We are looking for someone who will be able to develop policies for the new decentralised system of service delivery and to co-ordinate and supervise the implementation of those policies. The successful candidate will have a commitment to the decentralisation of council services and an understanding of the problems of an inner city multi-racial area.

### ASSISTANT DECENTRALISATION CO-ORDINATOR

Salary P03 from £13,491 - £14,574 pa inclusive

The postholder will have day to day responsibility for co-ordinating services in part of the Borough involving the provision of advice and guidance to Neighbourhood Officers on the whole range of their activities. This will include financial and personnel matters. Applicants must have 2 years experience of managing/co-ordinating/supervising staff/people or functions. This experience must include the provision of advice to different departments or divisions and the implementation of policies and procedures. Some experience in local government or the voluntary sector is essential as is the commitment to the concepts of decentralisation, together with an understanding of the problems of an inner city multi-racial area.

### SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Salary S01 from £10,725 - £11,355 pa inclusive

The duties involve day to day administrative support for the section. This will include the supervision and allocation of Neighbourhood Office relief staff. Applicants should have a minimum of 2 years experience in administration and an ONC/OND or other equivalent qualification. Alternatively applicants may possess 3 years administrative experience in finance or staffing work.

Please telephone 01-278 0631 or write for an application form and details to: Neighbourhood Office Unit, 3rd Floor, 333 City Road, London EC1. Closing date first post Monday 22 April 1985.

### LEEDS CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING MANAGEMENT

The City Council's Equal Opportunities policy is reflected in both its service provision and staff employment procedures. It is a policy to recruit and promote on the basis of merit and to ensure that all staff have the opportunity to develop their potential.

#### 1. RACE RELATIONS OFFICER

Post Reference: HB2405001  
Salary Range (P01) £10,716 to £11,562  
The postholder will co-ordinate a team of five other staff. These posts will relate to specific areas of work such as: Housing Officer, Housing Advice, Housing Welfare, Housing Management and will be responsible for the delivery of services to the public.

#### 2. ETHNIC MONITORING OFFICER

Post Reference: HB2405001  
Salary Range (S01) £9,477 to £10,107  
The Housing Department will co-ordinate Ethnic Monitoring in April 1985. The Ethnic Monitoring Officer will be responsible for the collection and analysis of the system. Knowledge of computerised applications and development of reporting systems will be an advantage.

#### 3. HOUSING ADVISORY OFFICER

Post Reference: HB1605001  
Salary Range (S4) £8,555 to £9,229  
The postholder will provide information and advice to tenants and landlords on the provision of services to tenants and landlords and on the provision of services to tenants and landlords.

#### 4. HOUSING WELFARE OFFICER

Post Reference: HB1408001  
Salary Range (S4/5) £8,555 to £9,262  
The duties of the Housing Welfare Officer will be to provide advice and support to tenants and landlords on the provision of services to tenants and landlords.

#### 5. RENEWAL ASSISTANT

(Ethnic Minorities)  
Post Reference: HC3307001  
Salary Range (S5) £7,524 to £8,262  
The postholder will assist the renewal officer in the provision of services to tenants and landlords on the provision of services to tenants and landlords.

#### 6. HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS' DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Post Reference: HC3310001  
Salary Range (S5) £7,524 to £8,262  
The postholder will assist the development worker in the provision of services to tenants and landlords on the provision of services to tenants and landlords.

Applicants for these posts are asked to indicate which ethnic languages they are conversant with. These posts carry a casual car user allowance and it is desirable that the applicants are car owners. Assistance by green with transport and logistics services is available. Application forms and further particulars for the above posts are available from Mr G. Anderson, Personnel Officer, Department of Housing, 123 Albert Street, Leeds LS2 8PP. Please quote the appropriate job reference. Closing date: 18th April 1985. Leeds is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

### HOUSING Senior Rents Assistant (General)

Sc.5 £8772 - £9510 Incl. (Ref. HMR.2)

The Rent Accounting function is currently undergoing a period of significant progress. This involves the introduction of a new on-line Rent Accounting Computer System, and in the medium term, the proposed establishment of the function within Area Teams. We are looking for someone who has the ability to make a major contribution to the Rent Accounting technical function, and also to assist the Rent Accountant in the Supervision and Co-ordination of the Service.

Local Government experience is not essential, but we need someone who is numerate, flexible and has good communication skills. Previous knowledge and experience of computerised systems would be an advantage.

Interested? If you would like to know more, Steve Hewson, the Rent Accountant, would be pleased to have an informal discussion on 01-748 3020, ext. 5239.

### Estates Officer

SC.5 £8772 - £9510 Inc. (Ref. HMR.5 10)

Would you like to join a lively and committed team of Estates Officers working in the Estates Management Division of a progressive inner London Authority? You would be the Housing Directorate's prime point of contact with our tenants, and take responsibility for the day to day management of a batch of approximately 650 dwellings. Duties include tenancy matters, rent arrears, social problems, and assisting with estates modernisation programmes and other projects.

Ideally you should have some housing experience but we are equally interested in you if you have a concern for housing and its problems. We need you to work hard and to enjoy the challenge of being part of a dynamic organisation dealing with many complex problems.

For more information contact John Coutts 01-736 6175, Ext. 45.

Application forms from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (Personnel), Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9JU, telephone 01-741 0904 (24 hour answering service) quoting appropriate ref. Closing date: 19 April 1985.

**Hammersmith & Fulham** An Equal Opportunity Employer

### Head of the ILEA Majority Party Members' Secretariat and Personal Assistant to the Leader of the Authority

The Authority is looking for an outstandingly able administrator to fill the position of Personal Assistant to the Leader and Head of the Majority Party Labour Members' Secretariat. Applicants for this challenging and demanding position must have a wide range of proven professional skills and personal qualities, in particular excellent communication skills, political acumen and the competence and flair to lead a team of staff providing administrative, secretarial, research and press services to members across the whole of the Authority's work.

Salary: £14,629 - £18,489 inclusive.

The ILEA is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origins, colour, sexual orientation or disability. We are an equal opportunities employer. For an application form, which must be returned by 10th April 1985, write to: ILEA, 100 Victoria Street, London W1 1JL. Tel: 01-736 1521. The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-431 1521.



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### SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

£9,477 to £11,025

A new post has been created as part of our development of services to elderly and physically handicapped people in Reading. The job involves carrying a small caseload and supervising a team of social workers and social work assistants. Applicants must hold the CQSW and have at least four years' post qualifying experience. Commitment to working with this client group is essential, and experience of supervision is important. There are good opportunities for staff development in Reading. For informal discussion, please contact Mike Cairns, Assistant Divisional Director, or Evelyn Arnold, Principal Social Worker, on Reading 586111. Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading, Tel: Reading 586111 Ext. 500. CLOSING DATE 22nd APRIL. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Royal County of Berkshire

### METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BURY

### RECREATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGER / LICENSEE (SPORTS CENTRES)

SO1/2: £9,477 - £11,025 "Standing"

An opportunity has arisen for a suitably qualified person to manage the Leisure Centre and the ancillary Goshen and Hinkley Sports Centres. The new Leisure Centre facility comprises teaching pool, changing room, 25 x 25 m. sports hall, 25 x 12 m. 4 squash courts, weight training room, sauna and solarium, private changing room, bar/lounge and cafe, and a multi-purpose room. The person appointed will be required effectively to operate the above facilities and liaise with other council departments and outside bodies at Local and National levels. The postholder will also be required to hold the licence for the Leisure Centre bar and act as deputy to the Principal Sports and Recreational Officer. Applicants must have at least five years appropriate experience (Coaching experience would also be an advantage). Qualification preferred M.B.M. (D.P.) D.L.C. etc. Forms of application obtainable from and returnable to the Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, Bury, BL9 9BW (Telephone: 051-764 0000 ext. 9 or 11) by the 26th April 1985.

### SOCIAL RESEARCH SENIOR PROGRAMMER Survey Data Processing

To take full responsibility for editing, data management and analysis computing on a number of survey projects. Currently the bulk of our processing is on VAX computer using the Quantum package under Unix. Experience of handling complex survey questionnaires data under this or a comparable system is essential. Salary: £10,000 to £12,500 according to qualifications and experience. Please write with full cv. to: The D.P. Director, Social & Community Planning Research, 35 Northampton Square, London EC1 6AX.

### THIRD WORLD POPULATION PROJECTS DESK OFFICER

POPULATION SERVICES (the charity which runs the Mary Stoddart Centre in Bristol) requires an administrator to monitor ongoing overseas population projects. The successful candidate will be responsible for the day to day running of the projects, and will also be responsible for the recruitment and training of staff. Applicants should ideally have experience of working in Third World countries, and be able to speak and write in English. They should also have good written English skills, and be able to travel to and from London. You will be based at our London office - 100 Whitehall Street, London WC2N 2EE. Salary £4,000. Please send cv to Projects Division, POPULATION SERVICES, 100 Whitehall Street, London WC2N 2EE.

### WELFARE OFFICER SWYDDOG LLES

to provide a comprehensive welfare service to the community. The successful candidate will be responsible for the day to day running of the projects, and will also be responsible for the recruitment and training of staff. Applicants should ideally have experience of working in Third World countries, and be able to speak and write in English. They should also have good written English skills, and be able to travel to and from London. You will be based at our London office - 100 Whitehall Street, London WC2N 2EE. Salary £4,000. Please send cv to Projects Division, POPULATION SERVICES, 100 Whitehall Street, London WC2N 2EE.

### SOCIAL WORK

#### INTEGRATE

(Prentice and Chertie)

#### DEPUTY DIRECTOR

£7,524 to £8,262

Integrate is a registered charity, health authority funded, and is committed to integrating mentally handicapped people of different dependencies from hospital into the community. We are looking for a Deputy Director to manage the day to day running of the project, and to be responsible for the recruitment and training of staff.

The Director of three are responsible for the operational management and are committed to developing an open, participative management style within our staff group. This post particularly supports the living side of the scheme, and is looking at the development of a workshop within the general context of developing an integrated and creative work environment.

We are looking for someone committed to clients' rights and our principles in practice, with practical skills, with groups and individuals, who can use the opportunities of a community context. We are seeking individuals with contributions to make in pioneering this project being researched by Lancaster University.

Applicants to Rosemary Trust, Director, Prentice 24755. Letters of application and cv to: INTEGRATE, 100 Whitehall Street, London WC2N 2EE. Tel: 01-736 1521. Closing date: 19 April 1985.

Integrate is a registered charity, and pay and conditions are N.C. related.

### GENERAL

#### MID GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Education Department

Peckham Council Estate, Peckham, Rhondda

#### Temporary Full-time

#### SPECIALIST

#### YOUTH WORKER

Salary £7,524 to £8,262. The post is a specialist post, and the successful candidate will be responsible for the day to day running of the project, and will also be responsible for the recruitment and training of staff.

Applicants must be experienced and qualified youth workers, and must have at least five years' post qualifying experience. Commitment to working with this client group is essential, and experience of supervision is important. There are good opportunities for staff development in Reading. For informal discussion, please contact Mike Cairns, Assistant Divisional Director, or Evelyn Arnold, Principal Social Worker, on Reading 586111. Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading, Tel: Reading 586111 Ext. 500. CLOSING DATE 22nd APRIL. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## DIARY

THE first thing to be said about yesterday's Concorde press junket to Edinburgh is that the BBC wasn't paying. So the scribbles could happily forget the extravagant Auntie angle, settle into the seats and hope for a glimpse of Fiona Richmond. And here for each of them was a lot of champagne, a bottle of whisky, a sprig of heather, two model kits of Concorde, a teddy bear, a pack of cards, a tie and a map of Edinburgh.

The map was not, strictly speaking, necessary since the press conference — ostensibly to announce plans for next year's Commonwealth Games — took place at the airport. More champagne. Some canapés. A two-minute speech from Lord Delfin, which one's Fiona Richmond?

Time to be getting back. Time for some more champagne. Toast British Airways' generosity in its £30,000 gesture of loaning Concorde for the occasion. Billy Cotton slams "overblown junket" stories in the press. Will he be the official Games airline? Is that Fiona Richmond? Oh, never mind.

THE British bobby is not what he was. A member of the group delivering literature to 10 Downing Street to mark National Peace Book Week was stopped by a policeman and asked to identify one of the group. "Ah, E. P. Thompson," he nodded sagely. "I quite liked 'The Making of the English Working Class'."



Peter Jenkins

TWO publications by the Confederation of British Industry in the last few days state the political horizon for us as we near the middle of the present parliament. In the foreground are the prospects for the economy within the present parliamentary cycle. The CBI's latest batch of bullish forecasts, based on a survey of its members, reinforce the impression that the Government is sitting pretty to fight an election in 1987 with the economic recovery still continuing, with real living standards rising, and with tax cuts fructifying in the pockets of the people.

A second document from the CBI (Change to Success, which I highly recommend) peers over the horizon of the medium-term into the abyss of continuing long-term decline. Here the picture is grim, our adaptability is inferior to others in a world in which technology can be transferred at a frightening speed; we continue to lose market shares and competitiveness; the products and services we offer are too down-market; we are in danger of becoming a third-class producer unable to support a first-class standard of living. If so, warns the CBI, the prospects are one of decay, social upheaval and perhaps even a return to the violence of earlier societies.

But try telling that to the voters in 1987. We live in the present and most of us live chiefly for the present.

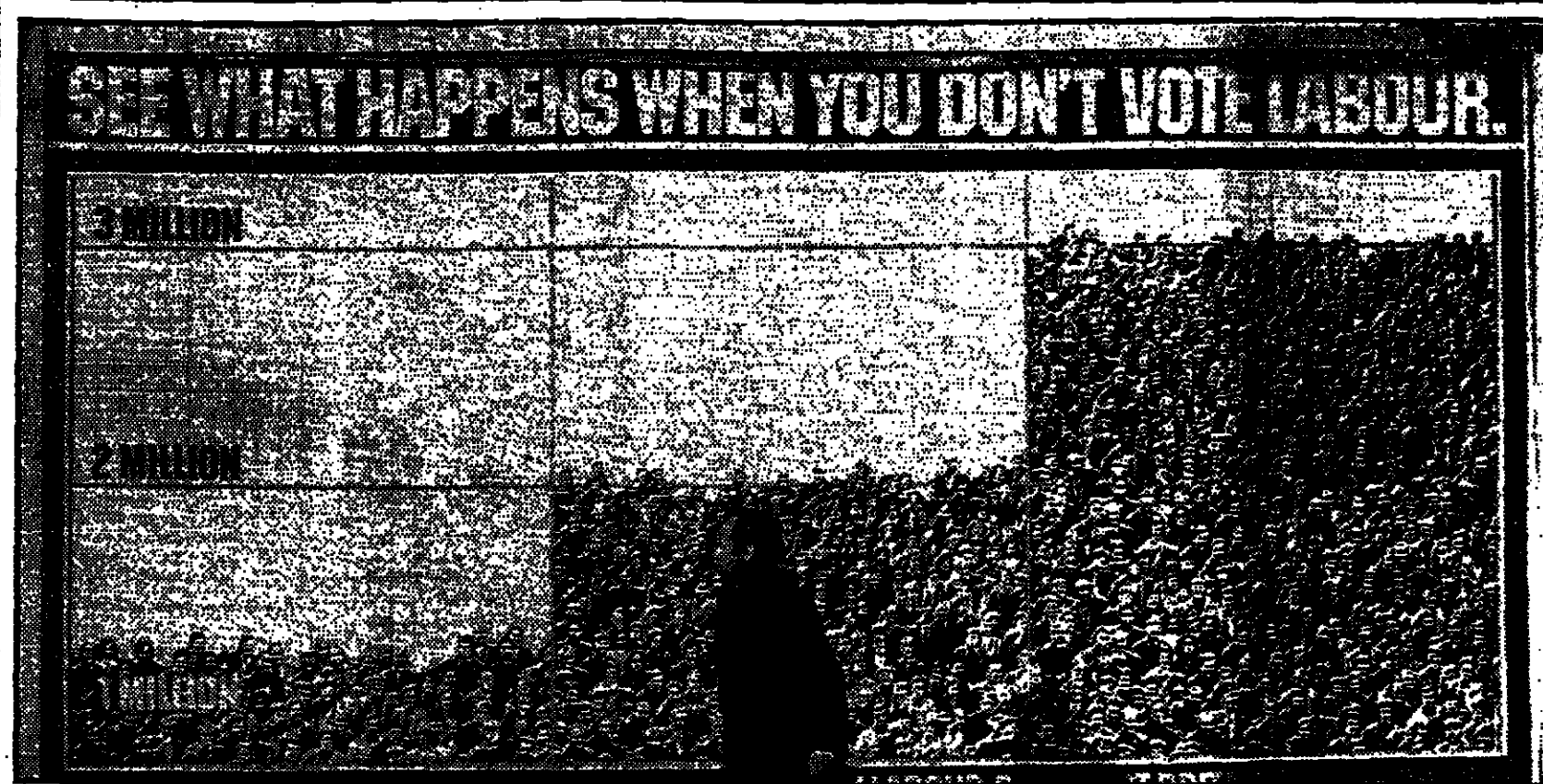
AND what of Wee Harry at the FCS conference? The little chap has been swimming around in a white jacket and white baseball cap — a gift from Senator Jesse Helms, he twitters. His personal press officer, Mr A. V. R. Smith, has meanwhile been sporting a badge from Arena, the extreme right-wing El Salvadorian party linked with the death squads. "Death squads, rubbish," he stamps. "CIA isn't propaganda, you know." He's been to see Jesse Helms, too. Lucky Jesse.

THE more bullish members of the Cabinet tame-thugs committee were all for a ban on alcohol that went considerably further than the one eventually agreed on at Monday's meeting. They even wanted drink banned from directors' boxes in all clubs.

We know this thanks to Mr Bernard Ingham, who passed on the news to Monday evening's confidential get-together of Whitehall chief information officers. Mr Ingham added that he personally regarded such a notion ridiculous but then as a regular visitor to the Leeds United directors' box, he would.

WHO is Mr J. Brown, c/o PO Box 1, Stockbridge, Hants SO20 6LB? Does he exist? Almost certainly not, but by all means prove me wrong if you're there. Mr Brown. For Mr Brown is the mailing address for the South African propaganda radio station, "Radio Truth", which has been established in Britain for the purpose of spreading English and the ornacular to Zimbabwe. Listeners have been urged to write in to the Stockbridge address of news which you believe would be of general interest to our Zimbabwean public.

Alan Rusbridger



A job still to do: Labour's revival depends on winning the employment argument

## An issue that fails to work



Peter Jenkins

The reach of party politics does not extend beyond the horizon of a single parliament and nor do most political expectations. Prophecy does not make successful politicians. No one is going to win many votes in 1987 by talking about the twenty-first century or arousing anxieties about when the oil runs out, certainly not if there is money in pockets.

What about unemployment? Pollsters tell us that unemployment is the issue. Pollsters tell us that the next election will be won or lost on jobs. I wonder. To be sure, when invited by opinion pollsters people are ready enough to deprecate the high level of unemployment. They don't like it; they are aware that it involves some human suffering ("although nothing like the thirties") they reassure themselves and it offends against the reason of their minds to be told that the Government's economic policies are succeeding brilliantly while unemployment rises inexorably, particularly when they see work to be done everywhere, streets crumbling and housing in need of repair.

For all that, I see little evidence that concern about the unemployment which affects 15 per cent of the registered working population outweighs the concern of the other 85 per cent about what the pay cheque will buy in the shops and the interest rate charged on the mortgage. Unemployment may be an issue on their lips, but it remains the issue in their hearts.

Moreover, although people blame the Government's policies in part for continuing high unemployment they also blame the world beyond the Government's control and to some extent they also blame the past, by which they usually mean the trade unions. Survey material suggests that as hard-core, long-term unemployment increases so does the "issue" on their lips, but there is nothing to be done about it. Provided things are not intolerable the longer they go on, the more inevitable they seem.

It should be plain from Mr Lawson's Budget that the underlying political calculation of the Government is that it can win another General Election with unemployment at around the three million mark. Some Ministers are quite open about this. The policy is not to do anything much about unemployment but to try to convince people that there is nothing much to be done although, of course, the Government "cares" as deeply as they do. Then everyone can shed crocodile tears all the way to the polling booths just as they did in 1983.

This cynical but I think politically shrewd calculation should be kept firmly in mind in the week in which the Labour Party endeavours to relaunch itself, after the wasted year of Scargill, with its jobs campaign. So should the two CBI appraisals which I have discussed, the one showing a short-term prospect highly favourable to the Government and the other a long-term prospect potentially disastrous for the country.

That is the shape of things. Mid-term discounts can obscure our view of it. The Government is getting unpopular but not very unpopular. If we write off the general election as an electoral disaster for the Labour Party and take as our base line the state of the parties at the moment Mr Kinnock took over from Mr Foot the position was (averaging the polls): Conservative 43, Labour 35, Alliance 20.

The position today is: Conservative 37, Labour 37, Alliance 25.

That amounts scarcely to a collapse in the Government's standing — not by usual mid-term standards — nor too much of a revival in Labour's fortunes. What these figures suggest is that Labour's fortunes have improved in a single bound from 28 per cent at the general election to 35 per cent when Mr Kinnock took over, but that since then the Alliance has picked up two dis-

affected Tory voters for every one of Labour's.

Nevertheless, things are looking up for Labour and, therefore, down for the Alliance. For the Labour Party is beginning to put forward its acceptable face once more. Mr Scargill is routed. The Militant Tendency is on the wane; few heads have so far rolled in the terror of reselection; Mr Benn walks from the sidelines, his career unimpaired. The Enoch Powell of his party, the Town Hall revolutionaries are in sectarian disarray. For the first time since 1979 the hard left is more of a joke than a menace.

Harsh, electoral arithmetic and the demographic and sociological realities which lie behind it (in a word, the South) continue to make a Labour majority at the next general election exceedingly improbable. At the same time Labour remains institutionally (through the union block votes) and ideologically (through the constituency parties) locked into policy positions proven to be unacceptable to the electorate.

There is a long way to go yet in wriggling out of the pledges and commitments to repeal the Prior and Tebbit Acts and restore to the unions the powers and privileges they possessed before 1979; to renationalise British Telecom and other industries privatised by the Government; and to jeopardise the country's security within Nato by throwing out American weapons and bases and dispensing with our own nuclear weapons.

People will fire in the end of a Thatcher Government but there will be few votes in putting the clock back. Trade union militancy at home and nuclear pacifism abroad is as good as a losing slogan for Labour as any Saatchi and Saatchi could dream up.

Nevertheless, the spectacle of the Labour Party, of Labour's rehabilitation as a party potentially of power and if it can confirm its lead in the opinion polls, and hold it for a while, that per-

ception will be reinforced. In politics appearance is three-quarters of what passes for reality. The recent past is beginning to seem like ancient history. It always does as one political generation replaces another. People will soon be forgetting why they disapproved Labour in 1979 or why they welcomed Mrs Thatcher's new broom.

The extremist edges are beginning to rub off one politics. The passions aroused by Thatcherism — both of hatred and enthusiasm — are giving way to more familiar boredom and disappointments. Consistency of purpose is not one of the attributes of a modern electorate. Meanwhile, the Labour Party begins more to resemble its old self as its bourgeois exit to the left, forked-tails between their legs.

Normality is bad news for the Liberal-SDP Alliance. As Labour's credibility revives the Alliance loses credibility as third-player in a two party game. There is nothing much it can do about that, except shout "Bring back Benn" (or Foot would do). The Alliance may continue to benefit from the Government's mid-term unpopularity, as the Liberals have under previous Conservative governments; by-elections in the next 18 months could produce spectacular results but protest is only the chimera of power.

Jenkins' Law (whoever is in power in times of economic troubles will be punished) has been in suspense these last six years. It was defied on two sides, by the popular appeal of Mrs Thatcher's brand and style of politics and by Labour's determination to lose. One more election and it may be in operation again. Beyond that election lies the slippery slope of decline and the long haul of political realignment in a post-industrial (and post-Socialist) society. My two recurrent themes. One can begin to hear in 1992 the echoes of 1964 — "thirteen wasted years!" which is more or less where I came in.

MARTIN PAWLEY on the latest twist in a Gallery saga

## A not so grand National

WHEN Lord Annan, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery, appeared at his press conference yesterday, to announce that the Sainsbury family has decided to foot the bill for a new 22,000 sq ft gallery extension, he might have been expecting to be met with a man and a clearly did not. In his view the news he brought was of the cleansing fire variety. Gone is the unenviable involvement with commercial office space; gone the flirtation with architectural competitions and modern design (the new extension is to be very sympathetic in design to the main building) and gone, it appears, is all memory of the worst architectural fiasco in recent history.

Like some hallucinatory balloon debate in which the losers insist on climbing back to the basket to fight their case all over again, the National Gallery extension saga has achieved, unbelievably, a complete circumnavigation with yet another announcement about yet another search for a fine building to grace the spot that has been a thriving car park for 45 years. Great news or not, any reader with a memory capacity greater than 16K is counselled to remain sceptical, for the last decisive event that occurred in the environment of the National Gallery was the Luftwaffe bombing of Hampton's department store in 1941.

Lord Annan, and his son to a successor, Mr Jacob Rothschild, may well wish to focus the attention of the public on the new search for an untrained firm of architects to undertake the new commission. But walking wounded from the 1981 competition that turned into the Charge of the Light Brigade, may not be able to forget the past so easily.

In 1980 the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery decided to enlarge their exhibition space by one third to permit the display of 230 Renaissance paintings but, being strapped for cash, they ended up accepting someone's idea that the building should be paid for by 50,000 sq ft of commercial office space. Already matters had become complicated. If the Sainsbury family, who have now agreed to fund the gallery extension and who were represented on the Board of Trustees at that time — had agreed to pay for it then, the structure might already be in place. There was much careful drafting of an architect's brief and much consultation with the competitions department of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

An international competition was launched in 1981 for combined architect/developer team; the winner to receive a 125-year lease on the site and outline planning permission for the combined office block/gallery development. This commerce was to pay for culture and — remembering that Trafalgar Square consists largely of old masterpiece-type buildings — excellence was to be

guaranteed by the principle of competition. A simple gallery extension? No, this was to be an experiment in cultural economics, a prototype for the survival of cultural institutions. In a word, it was complete.

The course of the competition hardly bears description. After an exhibition of short listed schemes to the accompaniment of a public participation exercise, conducted with all the impartiality of the last elections for a constituency, a public inquiry was held, and after it had terminated, Prince Charles made his famous statement about the proposed building looking like a car-buncle "on the face of an old friend" or a fire station, "with a tower for the bell."

In September, 1984, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Patricia Jenkins, ruled against the proposal but politely invited Trafalgar House to submit an alternative design. So far, the cultural experiment has cost the business world at least £5 million in architects' fees — payment for the continuous process of alteration, to not only the "winning" scheme, but all the other entries as well until such time as they dropped out.

It was at this juncture that the myth of the stab in the back came to the gallery's rescue. All those who entered so earnestly into the enterprise now largely disclaimed that the architects' brief was at fault; that no designers could produce a decent building with that colossal load of office accommodation to deal with; that any government worth its salt would not have been so mean as to refuse to come up with the £15 million necessary to build a proper extension. This myth conveniently ignores the one spectacular design by Richard Rogers that did emerge from the original competition — a project that was dismissed by the outrageous procedure of taking a negative vote from the 1982 finalists exhibition visitors.

With the aid of Sainsbury, the trustees appear to have saved their skins and most undeservedly so. It is in the nature of things that few will shed a tear for Nigel Brookes and Trafalgar House. But great damage has been done to the trust and confidence that alone supports genuine acts of patronage and Peter Ahrends, a fine architect, has been made to look like a failure by a farrago of nonsense in which he was caught up and from which he never managed to struggle free. For his sake, as well as for others, less agonisingly involved, one cannot be optimistic about the new arrangements.

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## New York's raiders represent a market failure—London can do without them



## NOTEBOOK

Hamish McRae

LET US praise something British: for all the wars on our financial system it does manage to avoid the takeover gyrations that currently grip Wall Street. One of the more useful lessons of the British Telecom and Reuter negotiations last year was how the

British share issuing mechanism contrasted well with the North American one. In both cases the London market managed to place the shares in fairly firm hands, while in the US, to exaggerate slightly, everyone was only interested in making a quick turn. Result: in both cases much of the New York issue ended up back in London, and in the Reuters case the New York issue significantly depressed the London issue price.

Now it is worth asking whether the roles on takeovers developed over the years in London provide for a fairer market place than the more legalistic arrangement in New York.

A couple of weeks ago the major television network ABC was taken over, and now it looks as though CBS may go the same way. In these there is nothing objectionable in takeover: the logic of the market allocating capital requires that managements which carry

market credibility are able to persuade the market to back their expansionist moves.

After all, that is what happens here, most notably in the market's backing of BTR in its takeover of the larger Thomas Tilling.

But in the US there is a new twist. There is a climate akin to the financial conditions that prevailed in Britain in the early 1970s, when particular financiers were granted superstar status by the market. Here we have Jim Slater. They are granted superstar status not so much for their managerial record but for some additional quality that is not easily describable in rational terms.

In the US at the moment a number of financiers command superstar status: Ivan Boesky, current raider of CBS, is the best known. The particular quality that this brazen financier has to bring is to be disliked by established managements, if the raider is sufficiently dis-

liked, all he has to do is to buy a small interest and the company will run so scared that it will generally take some step which will ensure the raider gets out at a profit.

So the analogy with Slater is not exact: there, it was a reputation which enabled paper bids to be made for real assets; it is a reputation which encourages established managements to find ways of buying out the predator. The logical link is that both represent a market failure, in that the market is not allocating capital to the most efficient management.

The interesting question is why the New York market should be functioning so badly at present.

The failure seems largely a function of the excessively short-term view of market operators. But it may to some extent at least be a result of the way US takeover rules are framed.

At any rate it is an import we can do without; though

as the securities market becomes more international, we may find similar tendencies erupting here.

## Pulling out

THE RETREAT from South Africa by the world's banks continues.

In the last few weeks a number of US banks have either declared that they will no longer lend to the South African government, or in some cases, they have stopped all lending to South Africa. The banks which stood by the first category, come Citibank (a couple of weeks ago) and Morgan Guaranty (this week). In the second is Bank of Boston.

The main British banks have for some time refused to lend directly to the South African Government, but yesterday saw a further significant retreat by Standard Chartered Bank. By not taking up a rights issue, it reduces its share of its South

African affiliate from just over 50 per cent to just over 40 per cent. Technically it loses control.

It seems sensible to expect Barclays to find some opportunity soon to follow suit. The reduction to below 50 per cent has a considerable legal significance in banking, but it has also a considerable significance historically. We think now of Standard Chartered or of Barclays International as rounded international banking groups, but both were developed out of South African banks. In the early 1960s, by far the largest single chunk of the old Standard Bank was its South African arm, just as the old Barclays (which stood for District, Colonial and Overseas) was predominantly a South African bank.

Since then of course, Standard has merged with Chartered while through various means gradually becoming the international arm of Barclays. But obviously for many senior employees the

new full finger. So though the retreat from South Africa has been a long and gradual process, and in one sense what Standard did yesterday is one more milestone along a well-trodden path, the technical loss of control is for historical reasons a very important milestone.

And indeed it is something more. The timing may be fortuitous. Since the reduction in the share stake is the arithmetic consequence of not taking up a rights issue, you could argue that the timing is fixed by the timing of the rights issue. But the fact remains that this further disengagement comes at a time when major US banks are also distancing themselves from the country, and doing so in a public way.

## Logical moves

FINALLY a small point on the two insurance broking stories reported below. The Warburg disengagement from

Stewart Wrightson makes sense simply because Warburg needs cash to develop its securities broking ambitions. Insurance broking has been an extremely profitable business for many merchant banks but it is by its nature a different sort of business from investment banking. So a sale is logical.

The Sedgwick deal is logical too, in view of the growth in the international nature of insurance. This enables Sedgwick to keep control of its destiny, at the cost of linking to a partner which has not had a particularly high growth profile.

The nagging question, though, that the Warburg deal in particular raises is whether this is the time to sell out of insurance broking. Some day the balance of power will shift in the insurance industry away from the brokers and towards the underwriters. Should we be looking for a turning point? Transamerica does not think so, but...

## MoD has serious reservations over helicopter

## Westland crisis as W30 threatened

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

Mounting opposition from the Ministry of Defence to the crucial W30 helicopter project is plunging Westland, the country's sole helicopter manufacturer, into a deepening crisis.

MoD officials are believed to have expressed serious reservations about the W30 as a suitable replacement for Puma and Wessex troops carrying helicopters and Westland's request for additional MoD funds to maintain the W30 research and development programme has been turned down.

The news comes amid growing concern at Westland's chances of landing a vital £60 million order for W30 helicopters from India and will inevitably raise serious doubts about the company's long term ability to retain its independence. Westland has been lobbying

the MoD with increasing desperation in recent months to clinch a £500 million order for W30s to fill a glaring gap in the firm's production line in the late 1980s.

Westland's production of helicopters like the Lynx and Sea King is likely to run down over the next 18 months and output of the newly developing EH101 military and civil helicopter is not expected to begin until the end of the decade.

The company, led by chairman Sir Basil Blackwell, has been pinning its hopes for production after 1987 on selling W30s to the MoD and international customers like the Indians.

But these hopes appear to have been dealt a serious blow in recent weeks after Army experts said the W30 did not meet technical requirements and MoD officials decided against providing more funds

to help overcome difficulties with the W30.

Westland's hopes of selling W30 helicopters abroad will be seriously undermined if the British Army decides not to purchase the aircraft.

In turn, the decision would increase the likelihood of large-scale redundancies among the 7,300 Westland workforce at Yeovil, Somerset. The company is already in the process of cutting the workforce by 700 people.

An escalating crisis at Westland would also pose a dilemma for the Government, which would not welcome having to intervene in a private industry support operation.

But Westland, Britain's only helicopter maker, ranks as one of the biggest individual contractors and is receiving substantial Government funding to help develop the EH101 project.

## Wall St raider's sights on CBS

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The future of CBS, America's largest television network, looks increasingly uncertain with the disclosure that Mr Ivan Boesky, one of Wall Street's most notorious raiders, has bought a 8.7 per cent stake in the company for some \$247.1 million.

His move comes hard on the heels of the multibillion takeover of ABC by the unknown Capital Cities Communications and Mr Rupert Murdoch's 50 per cent purchase of Twentieth Century Fox: deals which have radically altered the ownership of the two largest communications networks.

Mr Boesky is best known on Wall Street as the king of the "Arbitrageurs," an investor who seeing a profit opportunity jumps into the market in the hope of making a quick profit. CBS said yesterday it had been approached by Mr Boesky last week asking if the company would care to buy back its own shares. The network politely refused.

The network, which was built by the legendary William Paley, has just arranged a \$1.5 billion line of credit with its bankers to help fend off possible hostile takeovers. With Mr Boesky's stake now apparently up for grabs to the highest bidder, CBS, like ABC, looks increasingly vulnerable.

CBS is already under pressure from Fairness in Media, a group of right-wing investors, which is being encouraged by Senator Jesse Helms (Republican, North Carolina) to launch a bid for CBS and become the boss of Mr Dan Rather, the network's man in charge of the news who it is argued has a "liberal bias."

The sight of Wall Street's corporate raiders jumping their caps at the communications industry is sending many companies running for cover. ABC merged with Capital Communications because it feared something worse. CBS is at far larger gulf with a market value of \$7 billion and upwards.

One course open to CBS in the current circumstances would be to seek a friendly merger with one of the other giants of the industry. There have been stock market rumours in the last few days linking it to Time Incorporated.

## Bank gives up control of South Africa offshoot

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

The British bank Standard Chartered is to bow out from majority control of its South African subsidiary, Standard Bank Investment Corporation, in a move which was seen in some quarters yesterday as a decisive step in British withdrawal from involvement in South Africa.

Standard Chartered, headed by Lord Barber, strongly denied that there was any political or economic significance to the move, which resulted from its decision not to take up its shares in a £75 million rights issue by the South African offshoot. But the decision reduces its stake from a controlling 50.3 per cent to 41.9 per cent and Standard Chartered will no longer consolidate the South African bank's lending portfolio in its own balance sheet, which will be reduced by about \$5 billion.

There was speculation that the other British bank with big South African interests, Barclays, would eventually follow the pattern set by Standard Chartered. A Barclays spokesman said: "Our present intention is to maintain our current majority position but it is something that we will continue to review as a matter of normal commercial judgment."

Standard Chartered's £38 million rights shares will be taken up by Gold Fields of South Africa and Liberty Holdings. The bank has continually reduced its shareholding in the South African offshoot — which last year produced a third of profits — under the requirements of the South African government, which however has allowed the two British banks to maintain a majority holding if they want.

A week ago Standard Chartered managing director Mr Michael McWilliam said a decision to move below 50 per cent would be of "a different order of consequence" from the previous reductions in the controlling stake.

Mr McWilliam, who is in South Africa at the moment, also said then that the South African riots were very worrying because they heightened awareness in the US about South Africa. They could not be a more clumsy and unfortunate time."

However Standard Chartered senior deputy chairman Mr Peter Graham said yesterday that the decision to make the rights issue and not take up the shares emanated from London and that the objective was to bolster the capital backing of the parent bank.

Its free capital ratio would rise from 24.09 in every £100 to 25.30. The South African

## BAT plans to sell packaging offshoot

By Mary Brasier

BAT Industries took another big change of direction yesterday when it announced it was pulling out of its core UK interests in packaging and printing.

BAT is looking for a buyer for Mardon packaging International, which is the second largest UK supplier of packaging behind Mital Box. The company has sales of more than £600 million and was valued at about £180 million five years ago.

BAT said it had taken the decision to sell because it believed Mardon was unlikely to grow as fast as its other business areas of tobacco, paper, retailing, an its newest interest, financial services. Selling Mardon continues a strategy which has already seen BAT sell off International Stores and its cosmetics interests.

The sale sign has been hung up just as Mardon

emerges from the recession which saw demand fall away in line with the declining fortunes of its main customers. The group, which is based in 50 locations in the UK and employs 12,000 people worldwide, is a market leader in folding cartons for products like biscuits, bread and snack foods.

Mardon's trading profits last year rose by 40 per cent to £34 million, and it is investing widely in new plant. Just under half the group's sales are in the UK and 45 per cent go to North America. BAT also has packaging interests outside of Mardon, but these are not up for sale.

Lazards, who are handling the sale, are preparing a detailed dossier on the company and BAT says it is keeping an open mind about Mardon's potential new owners.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

STOCKLEY, the property development group, is taking over a £61.5 million UK property portfolio owned by European Ferries, which will take a 29.9 per cent share stake in Stockley, and Mr Ken Siddle, the EuroFerries chairman, and one other director will join the Stockley board.

JOHNSON Matthey PLC is to pay holders of £7.5 million worth of debentures about 1 per cent more interest in return for agreeing to replace a floating charge over the company with a fixed charge over UK property. This gives the institutional holders less of a lever over certain company decisions involving debentures.

SHAMROCK Capital, a partnership led by a group owned by the Roy E. Disney family, and Transcontinental Services, and J. Rothschild Holdings, have agreed to buy the outstanding shares of the Central Soya Company in Indiana for \$339 million. Central Soya is an agribusiness and food processing group with sales of over \$1.7 billion.

CABLE & Wireless is discussing with the Government of China's Guangdong province a £5 million project to build a fibre-optic telecommunications cable between Hong Kong and Guangzhou (Canton). C & W yesterday signed an agreement to install equipment at 10 Chinese cities to allow direct dialling to Hong Kong.

BLUE Circle has agreed in principle to acquire Atlantic Cement Company for \$145 million cash, subject to US Government approval.

## Crocker chief's £1m pay packet

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

The top man hired last year to run Midland Bank's £222 million loss-making Crocker subsidiary in California, Mr Frank Cahouet, earned the major part of a £1.282 million pay package disclosed in the annual report yesterday. The sum was divided among four overseas-based directors, but two left early in the year and another, Mr John Harris, is seconded from London and is believed to earn much less than Mr Cahouet.

The disclosure is in line with documents filed by Midland a year ago which showed that Mr Cahouet's first-year remuneration package would be \$1 million — which was then £700,000 but at the year end exchange rate would be much nearer to £1 million. Mr Cahouet joined the bank in March 1984.

The Midland report also confirms that he has 600,000 options to buy Crocker shares. But his agreement promised Mr Cahouet a "substantial additional long-term incentive" if Midland bought out the minority of quoted shares in Crocker, which it has now done. The Midland annual report does not cover the period of the buyout.

The package for Mr Cahouet and the three others dwarfs the £368,000 total remuneration of the 21 Midland directors whose duties are mainly in the UK.

Midland's chief executive, Mr Geoffrey Taylor, says "there is the possibility of additional loan loss provisions given the uncertain economic environment in which many of Crocker's customers operate, both in the US and overseas. Earnings would remain depressed while non-performing loans remained at current levels."

The report also discloses that Midland and Crocker have £1.8 billion of loans, involving repayment difficulties, of £500 million on a year earlier.

Of the group's £800 million loans to Argentina, 51 per cent was classified at the year end as not paying interest on time. This includes £320 million due to Crocker and \$120 million directly to Midland. The situation is believed to have worsened since then as arrears have mounted and Argentina has fallen out with the IMF. The group's £1.9 billion of loans to Mexico are not included in the difficult loans, though since the year end Brazil has also fallen out of grace with the IMF because of failure to meet economic targets.

## ICE in new China deal

By John Hooper, Trade Correspondent

ICE Group, the Anglo-Chinese trade promotion concern of which Lord Wilson became a director earlier this year, announced yesterday that it had entered a joint venture for the construction and management of an exhibition centre in the Shenzhen Special Economic zone adjoining Hong Kong.

The 80,000 square metre centre, comprising an exhibition hall, a 400-room "apartment", a sports centre, shops and restaurants, is expected to cost \$16 million.

## Mercury sells Wrightson stake

By Mary Brasier

A big stake in Lloyd's brokers Stewart Wrightson changed hands yesterday as Mercury Securities placed its 29 per cent shareholding through the market for £27 million.

The takers were institutions, removing at least for the moment the possibility of a bid for the group, which yesterday disclosed sharply higher profits for 1984. Mercury, which is

building one of the largest UK securities businesses by merging three Stock Exchange firms with its merchant bank Warburg, said the disposal of the Stewart Wrightson stake was in line with its concentration on developing an integrated investment banking and securities group. As part of the same strategy Mercury sold off MPA Holdings, the employee benefit consultancy, last autumn.

Mercury has held a stake in Stewart Wrightson since 1972, when the group was formed from a merger of Mercury Ltd, the Anglo-French financier, Sir James Goldsmith, has offered \$1 billion to buy one of the leading American insurance and forest products companies — Crown Zellerbach, based in San Francisco. But he said the proposal was good only if the company withdrew an anti-takeover measure introduced last summer.

Sir James gave Zellerbach a deadline by next Monday to reply. If the company did not take steps to eliminate the protective measure by then, he would call for a poll of the shareholders and have the board removed. Sir James acquired the stake last month for 8.6 per cent of Zellerbach for \$78.3 million.

Under the company's defensive measure once someone acquires 20 per cent of Zellerbach stock, or seeks to acquire 30 per cent, the company will have the right to buy shares for \$100 each. If the company is then taken over, they can sell their shares to the new owner for \$200 each.

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## Joint venture for P&amp;O

By Andrew Cornelius

The drastic reorganisation of the P&O shipping and construction group under the chairmanship of Sir Jeffrey Mardon continues yesterday with a £22 million deal to offload a half share in the group's troubled fleet of bulk carriers.

P&O is forming a joint venture with Overseas Shipping Group, the New York based bulk shipping group, which brings together two of the world's leading shipping companies.

Sir Jeffrey described the deal as "a major strategic step for P&O." He said that the joint venture limited P&O's exposure in the volatile market but ensured that it continued to be involved in an area

"which if it comes right could be quite a money maker."

Last year P&O wrote down the value of its fleet of nine bulk carriers by £77 million after a 40 per cent dive in charter rates for the ships.

Last night there was no further news from P&O on speculation that it was interested in folding £250 million plus for Ocean Transport and Trading, the UK shipping group. More than five million shares of OTT have changed hands in recent days promoting speculation that a bidder is building a takeover stake. But at a series of meetings in the City with leading brokers and institutions OTT said that it had no indication why there had been such a heavy buying of its shares.

## Goldsmith in \$1bn bid

From Mark Tran in Washington

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## Allied Textiles rebuffs LMI bid

By Clive Woodcock

A surprise \$50 million bid for the quality wool textiles group, Allied Textiles, from the engineering and industrial services group, London and Midland Industrial, was yesterday described by Allied as "wholly unwelcome."

Allied's shares shot up on news of the offer from 435p to 560p. The terms of the offer value Allied's ordinary shares at 537p.

The Huddersfield-based textile group's board, headed by chairman and chief executive, Mr Russell Smith, has advised its shareholders to take no action and is consulting its financial advisers, S.G. Warburg.

In a statement they said the offer had been made "wholly without consultation," and it was noted that the terms of the bid would mean that Allied shareholders would end up with 40 per cent of the equity of the enlarged group and that its resources would be used to improve the financial position of LMI.

The statement said that the implications of the offer were being "carefully studied" but it seems certain that it will be strongly opposed by Allied, which has a record of strong

but steady growth and has recently been sitting on substantial cash reserves. LMI, a group which includes the engineering and industrial services group, London and Midland Industrial, was yesterday described by Allied as "wholly unwelcome."

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**FRIEDLAND DOGGART GROUP PLC**  
Notice is hereby given that the twenty-second annual general meeting of Friedland Doggart Group PLC will be held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, 24 April, 1985, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of:

1. To receive and consider the report of the directors, the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 1984, and the auditors' report.
2. To elect and declare a dividend.
3. To re-elect a director.
4. To confirm the auditors.
5. To authorise the directors to fix the audit fee.
6. To transact any other business.
7. As special business to consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions:

That the Company be and is hereby authorised to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 49(2) of the Companies Act 1981) of the ordinary shares of the Company of not more than 250,000 shares and to exercise all such powers as may be necessary or expedient to give effect to the above authority which shall expire on 30 September 1985.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Instruments appointing proxies should be deposited at the registered office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the meeting. The proxy form and instructions will be available for inspection at the meeting. By order of the board


Secretary

Geoffrey George Wetherhead  
Secretary

2 April 1985

**Base Rate**

**Williams & Glyn's Bank**  
announces that with effect  
from 2nd April 1985  
its Base Rate for advances  
is reduced from 13½%  
to 13% per annum.



**Williams & Glyn's Bank plc**  
A member of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc



## How hitech will change the SE. Margareta Pagano reports

Any visitor to the Stock Exchange trading floor will be familiar with the sight of jobbers hanging around the trading booths, often arms in air, screaming out prices, hearing up scraps of paper and shouting into walkie-talkers. They are the men who are the brokers running around with orders. In the centre are the jobbers' clerks who record the deals and pass messages back to the jobbers. At any time there can be as many as a couple of thousand dealers — or as few as a couple of hundred.

Imagine instead a multitude of hi-tech foreign ex-

**The Stock Exchange knows only too well that it is in everybody's interest to wait until the requisite technology is in place.**

Just how much business will move off the floor into members' offices is one of the imponderables. In itself, it is not important but it does mean that the installation of the necessary technol-

It provides a database which is in turn distributed to the 2,500 terminals plugged into the TOPIC service nationally which serves all member firms and users. TOPIC, which is supported by 25 price reporters on the exchange floor, also provides latest prices which are then carried through information services such as EXTEL, Reuters, Datastream and so on, around the world.

**One of the real battles has been the extent of visibility of trading that market-makers will have to show**

system, estimates that about 18 months to two years after SEAQ comes into being the exchange should be ready to put the flesh on the ribs. This will come through MANTIS — Market and Trading Information System



He expects MANTIS to provide automatic execution for small market orders, a bidding and offering service for larger or less active securities, and a screen to screen messaging service for trades which do not really

Only a few years ago the market was aghast at the idea of a totally new system—now it is the best thing since sliced bread.

There will be many more in ICI, for example, than Pineapple Studios, and a minimum of four market-makers is a suggested number. Another issue is the size

He is just a little sceptical about the exchange's sudden euphoria over computers and what is perceived as the great advantages technology can bring. Only a few years ago the market was aghast at the idea of a totally new system. Now it's the best thing since sliced bread. There is a great danger here that some members will rely on the technology without thinking out carefully what their role, or niche, will be

The Department of Trade is rightly understood not to be taking the exchange's threat to move to dual capacity seriously. In a curious way the exchange's bout of nervousness may serve a fruitful purpose if it has once again reminded all the market's practitioners about the obvious need to prepare as fully as possible for the unknown territory ahead.

Gareth Locksley  
Richard Minns

Exports have always been a key objective of economic policy. According to official statistics 72 firms' accounts for half of Britain's exports in 1981 and only 68 firms had exports exceeding £100 million for the year (excluding diamonds). Only 18 per cent of Britain's exports are not accounted for by multinational corporations, 51 per cent are accounted for by UK-based multinationals, 61 per cent by multinational corporations and 30 per cent of exports are to related concerns. The instrumented used to boost exports usually af-

Money markets are increasingly being dominated by big industrial and financial corporations. Companies raise money on overseas stock markets, especially New

UK companies have over \$20 billion in foreign sterling assets and \$9 billion in foreign currency liquid assets deposited with the monetary sector. BP has its own bank to act as the group's banker and treasurer.

The cash flows of the multinational corporation are replacing oil revenues as the main source of currency income, as well as 60 per cent of the world's major companies worldwide dominated by oil, car, and chemical corporations, are powerful enough to move the foreign exchange market through the currency dealings. Companies can also avoid exchange controls by

Money is so internationally fluid that exchange and interest rates cannot be easily controlled or effectively used as policy instruments. Only policies that directly control the biggest companies allow for a national policy for growth. This means taking a stake in multinational industrial and financial corporations.

These then are some fundamentals of the real budget for jobs.

Richard Mims and Gureth Lockley work for the GLC, but write here in a personal capacity. Richard Mims is author of "Take over the City," published by Pluto Press in its series Arrangements for Socialism.

# PEARSON

## Results in Brief

	1984	1983
Turnover (excluding banking and investment income)	£843.2m	£730.4m
Profit before interest	£110.0m	£88.5m
Profit before taxation	£99.4m	£77.4m
Profit after taxation and minority interests	£54.1m	£41.9m
Earnings per ordinary share	57.8p	45.1p
Dividends per ordinary share	17.0p	14.0p

**Dividend**  
The directors recommend a final ordinary dividend of 11p net per share, payable on 31 May 1985 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 26 April 1985.

**Report and Accounts**  
The 1984 report and accounts of Pearson plc will be posted to shareholders on 10 April 1985.

**Annual General Meeting**  
The annual general meeting  
will be held at Millbank  
Tower, Millbank,  
London SW1 on 3 May  
1985 at 12 noon.



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Information and Entertainment	Engineering	Merchant Banking	Fine China	Oil and Oil Services
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Pearson plc, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4QZ

The figures for the year ended 31 December 1984 have been extracted from the full financial statements to be delivered to the Registrar of Companies and carry an unqualified audit report.







# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT Travellers Outreach Worker

£11,964 to £12,810 p.a. incl.  
+ casual user car allowance

As part of the Central Race Relations Unit you will co-ordinate and develop the Council's policy on Travellers; to liaise with Travellers in the borough, and to keep them informed of the Council's policies and practices in relation to Travellers.

Camden Council is committed to a policy of non-harassment of Travellers and to the provision of a permanent site in the borough. We are looking for a Senior Adviser who will co-ordinate and develop this policy, and provide an outreach service to Travellers by assisting them in gaining access to health, education, welfare and legal services. You should have a strong commitment to the Council's race relations policies, and first-hand experience of the needs of Travellers and their way of life.

Ref. No. 1A/322/G.

## Assistant Solicitor

(Temporary part-time vacancy for approx. 12 months)  
£12,507 to £14,574 p.a. inc.  
pro-rata for 17½ hours per week

Camden is looking for a solicitor to advise its Adoption Panel and members and staff on adoption-matters and other child care legislation. The successful applicant will carry a caseload of adoption cases and some other child care matters.

A flexible approach is essential as working at home but coming in to attend meetings will be involved. Interested applicants are welcome to telephone the Social Services Solicitor, Anne Harding, on ext. 2590, for an informal discussion.

Ref. No. 1A/322/G.

Application form from and to be returned to: Departmental Staffing Officer, Room 207, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1 2RU. Tel: 01-837 9988 (Ansafone) quoting appropriate Ref. No. Closing date: 22nd April, 1985.

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT Co-ordinator

Amphill Square Estate.  
(Temporary until end of September, 1985)  
£12,507 to £14,574 p.a. incl.

Located in the Client Division, you will be required to co-ordinate the Council's input into resolving the major defects on this estate, and to reconcile technical solutions and social needs of the present tenants on the estate. You must be able to respond quickly, communicate easily, and relate to staff in other Departments, tenants and Council members. Your workload may also include other estates with major technical problems, and liaison with other authorities and outside bodies.

A technical qualification, RICS, CIOB or equivalent preferred, but suitable experience essential. This is an excellent opportunity for someone technically competent who would welcome the broad scope and challenge of this post, and can cope tactfully and effectively with the different people and pressures involved.

Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Housing, Bldborough House, Bldborough Street, WC1H 9DB, or telephone 01-888 6935 (Ansafone) quoting Reference Number 7/12/G. Closing date: 22nd April, 1985.

## SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Locum Social Workers (Temporary)

£9,510 to £11,964 p.a. inc.  
+ essential user car allowance

To work as a member of the Bloomsbury 'patch' team until end of October, 1985.

You will be expected to develop a caseload of short and longer term work in a patch that has a high proportion of isolated elderly people living within it as well as a significant Bengali population.

If you have a COSW and are interested in working in this multi-cultural inner city area, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Camden is totally committed to its Equal Opportunities policies in service provision and employment. Members of ethnic minorities are under-represented in this work area in relation to Camden's population profile and applications from members of these groups will be particularly welcome to redress this imbalance.

Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Social Services, Willing House, 358/364 Gray's Inn Road, WC1X 8BH, or telephone 01-837 5621 (Ansafone) quoting Ref. No. 10/169/G. Closing date: 22nd April, 1985.



Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, disabled and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed, religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMME SECTION Regional Development Officers

NACRO is currently running 78 Community Programme Schemes on which there are over 7,000 places providing employment opportunities for long-term unemployed ex-offenders working on projects of community benefit, many of which are focused on reducing crime and the fear of crime in disadvantaged areas.

Four Regional Development Officers are needed to develop and manage new and existing Schemes under the MSC's Community Programme provision. These challenging positions would suit those who enjoy being given considerable responsibility for organising their own work. In addition, a background knowledge of one or more of the following areas could be an advantage: MSC activities, particularly the Community Programme; the prison and probation services; local authorities; trade unions; working with ethnic minorities.

The posts and locations, as listed below, will be based at Regional Offices, where there are also a number of support staff.

Regional Development Officer  
South West: based in Evesham

Regional Development Officer  
South Wales: based initially in Merthyr Tydfil, permanent base, Ebbw Vale or Newport/Cardiff area

Regional Development Officer  
East Angles and Kent: based initially in Edmonstone, permanent base Colchester or Ipswich

Regional Development Officer  
London: based Edmonstone

Salary: £10,404 (incremental scale) + for the London post only London Weighting 2857.

Car available with all posts.

Closing date: April 22nd, 1985.  
Write for details, stating clearly which post you are interested in, and enclosing a large self-addressed envelope, to: Paula Gordon, NACRO CP Section, 54 Bradford Street, Birmingham B5 6HX. (021-622 5191).

As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from anyone regardless of colour, ethnic origin or sex, and from disabled people and ex-offenders.

## NACRO

For the care of offenders and the prevention of crime

## NALGO HEAD OF TRAVEL SECTION

Applications are invited for the post of Head of the NALGO Travel Section which arranges holidays for members at home and abroad and services the Sports, Travel and Recreation Committee of NALGO's National Executive Council.

The postholder's responsibilities will include promotion and development of the travel service; committee work, including report writing; time management of the section's activities and budgetary control.

The successful applicant will have had extensive experience of management in the travel industry and in committee work. He/she will also have an entrepreneurial approach together with the ability to manage, organise, motivate and work under pressure. Commencing annual salary £12,675 on a scale rising to maximum £13,737 (including London Weighting).

Applicants will be considered on the basis of their suitability for the post regardless of sex, race, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

Job description and application form from the General Secretary, National and Local Government Officers' Association, 1 Mableton Place, London WC1H 9AJ. Completed application forms must be received by the General Secretary no later than 25th April 1985.

## THE CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY

### ADMINISTRATOR/ INFORMATION OFFICER

Don't be put off by the job title! This is an exciting and creative job for someone who is good at admin, has basic secretarial skills and is concerned about people and the environment. Need based salary range from £3,400 to £5,200.

For further details, write or phone Pete Raine, NCAT, Machynlleth, Powys. Tel: (0864) 2400.  
Closing date April 30th.

## Interested in Current Affairs? RESEARCH ASSISTANT

required to do research and information work in the NFUI's Environment and Public Affairs Department, on a wide range of topical issues affecting women today. The Department's main functions are to keep our members informed about current issues and to promote our policies to Government as well as to other organisations.

We offer a salary between £7,500 — £8,500 to a graduate with good communication skills, especially the ability to write clearly and accurately under pressure. Experience of working on a variety of social and environmental issues an advantage.

Please ring or write for an application form: Ann Beese, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 39 Eccleston Street, London SW1W 9NT. 01-730 7212.

(5 minutes walk from Victoria Station).  
Applications to be returned by 19 April.

## WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HOUSING DEPARTMENT RESIDENT WARDEN

'NON-PRIORITY' HOMELESS PERSONS HOSTEL  
Mk. 7 - £3,051-£3,555 p.a. per annum

This vacancy exists at our new Hostel for single homeless persons. Duties include dealing with the occupants regarding a wide range of housing, financial and other problems, and all aspects of the general day-to-day management of the unit. Some weekend and evening work will be necessary to provide relief cover at a nearby hostel.

The work is demanding and requires qualities of compassion, resilience and flexibility. The successful applicant will be positive but sympathetic in dealing with occupants.

Previous experience as a residential warden is essential, social work related experience is desirable.

A one-bedroomed self-contained flat is provided rent free. Application forms and job descriptions are available from: Housing Department - Admin. Division, Civic Centre, Wolverhampton WV1 1RB. Telephone 27611, ext. 21593. Closing date: 18th April, 1985.

Wolverhampton Council welcomes applications from all sections of the community irrespective of an individual's sex, ethnic origin or colour and from people with disabilities who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

## WESTMINSTER ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH ORGANISING SECRETARY (New Post)

WAMH is looking for someone who can bring energy and organisational flair to a lively and expanding voluntary organisation working to prevent and overcome mental illness in Westminster.

Substantial grants from public and private sources have enabled an active management committee and eight professional staff to consolidate their pioneering housing, education and employment projects and convert a building for a new Mental Health Resource Centre.

We now need someone with proven management, financial and communication skills, a good grasp of mental health issues and experience of the voluntary sector to take overall responsibility for the co-ordination and growth of the association.

Salary PO1 — £10,404 up to £13,226 plus London Weighting, 25 days annual leave.

Closing date: 18th April. Interview date: Monday, 25th April.

Write or phone for further details and an application form to: WAMH, Church House, Westminster Road, London W2 6LS. Tel: 01-221 5198/1214.

WAMH is an equal opportunities employer.

## DRUGS AGENCY

SEEKS WORKER WITH SKILLS IN ADVICE WORK, COUNSELLING AND COMMUNICATIONS

A commitment to collective working and to working with both men and women. Salary £3,145 + travel London Weighting. Write to: The Westminster Project, 7 Theobalds Close, London W1P 9SL, for a job description and application form. Closing date: 18th April. Previous applicants need not apply.

## TOOTING AND BALHAM LAW CENTRE needs THREE WORKERS

Two LAWYERS / ADVICE WORKERS

one to specialise in housing law, one preferably with expertise in Welfare Rights, and

One ADMINISTRATOR

An ability to speak an Asian language would be useful. The centre is funded by the GLC until April 1986.

Information/application forms from TBC, 107 Thirley Road, London SW17 7SD. Tel: 01-767 7613.

TBC IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. WE WELCOME APPLICATIONS IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, CREED / DISABILITY / SEX.

Closing date: 19th April 1985. Interviews: 3rd and 4th May 1985.

## Cheshire COMMUNITY EDUCATION WORKER

£9,087 — £10,209  
CHESTER

Applications are invited from qualified Youth Workers for the above post at Blaenau County Youth Centre, Blaenau, Chester. Conditions of service as per J.N.C. Report for Youth Workers and Community Centre Workers.

Application forms and further details obtainable from The District Education Officer, Cheshire County Council, 85 Wellington Road, Ealing, W5 2PP. South Wirral. Tel: 051-355 7133. Closing date 12th April, 1985. All applicants will be considered on the basis of suitability for the post, regardless of sex, race, marital status, religion or disability.

## INFORMATION OFFICER

For the Stoke-on-Trent Citizens Advice Bureau

A challenging new post serving 2 progressive bureaux.

We want a creative person who can gather information for our advisers and analyse our workload to comment on current social policies. Experience in advice work, the ability to think and write clearly are essential. Knowledge of new technology an advantage.

Salary scale 5 (NAP) starting point £7,824.

Job description, application form and further details obtainable from: Citizens Advice Bureau, 111 Market Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 1LH. Tel: 01829 5191. Closing date: 17th April, 1985.

## Advertisements —

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## CITY OF DUNDEE DISTRICT COUNCIL An equal opportunity employer

Dundee, the second industrial city of Scotland, has a population of 186,000 inhabitants, a housing stock second to none and possesses excellent education, shopping and recreational facilities. Situated on the River Tay, it lies at the foot of the Eastern Highlands, providing unparalleled scenic and sporting attractions.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the undernoted senior posts.

## GENERAL MANAGER, CLEANSING

This post is shortly to become vacant due to the retirement of the present post holder. The Department has a workforce of 450 persons, a fleet of 100 vehicles, and a modern refuse incinerator and pulverising plant and the successful applicant will be responsible to the Chief Executive for the control of the collection, treatment and disposal of domestic, trade and industrial refuse, street cleansing, and for public convenience services provided within policies of the City of Dundee District Council.

Applications are invited for this post from professionally qualified persons with experience in the operation and control of refuse treatment plant and with considerable experience at senior management level in a large local authority.

Salary scale £18,786 rising to a maximum of £20,190 per annum.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER

This newly established appointment will assist the District Council to achieve equality of opportunity, particularly for women, ethnic minorities and the disabled.

The successful applicant will already have a clear understanding of the problems experienced in a large multi-racial community and be able to demonstrate a commitment to and an appreciation of the Council's Equal Opportunity Policy.

While no specific professional or academic qualifications are prescribed, applicants should have relevant experience and training, and an ability to communicate effectively at all levels.

Salary scale £11,268 rising to a maximum of £12,258 per annum.

Assistance with removal expenses and temporary housing may be made available in appropriate cases for both the above posts.

Application forms and job descriptions may be obtained from The Chief Personnel Officer, 14 City Square, Dundee. (Tel: 0382 23141 Ext 4054/4055). Completed forms should be lodged with the undersigned not later than 26 April 1985.

JAMES F HOEY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CITY CHAMBERS  
DUNDEE DD1 3BY

As part of the City of Dundee District Council Equal Opportunity Policy, applications are welcome from persons regardless of disability, marital status, race or sex.

## HYDE & SOUTH BANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED HOUSING SUPPORT WORKER

(CRYSTAL PALACE TEAM)

Our Housing Management Department, based at Lee Green, is responsible for the management of over 4,500 homes in South East London and Kent. As part of our programme of decentralisation and widening of the scope of our service to tenants, we are looking for a Housing Support Worker to complete our team of six at the Crystal Palace Area Office in Anerley Road, Peckham.

The person appointed, reporting to the Senior Housing Officer, would be expected to respond to a variety of demands and needs from tenants, including 'debt' problems, marital breakdown, disability and benefits advice. They will manage their own workload, in consultation with the other members of the team, and will liaise closely with voluntary and statutory agencies. As well as the 700 tenants within the Crystal Palace Area, the postholder will take on a small number of additional referrals from our Bromley Area Team.

We are looking for someone with experience in either social work or housing who can demonstrate an ability to provide a caring and practical support service to tenants, working on their own initiative within a team structure. Relevant qualifications would be an advantage, but a sound basic knowledge of welfare benefits is essential.

Salary on scale £7,212 to £10,386 (bar at £3,180), car allowance plus loan scheme, 22 days' holiday, pension scheme.

For job description and application form please telephone or write to: Mrs. H. Ayoub, Hyde & South Bank Housing Association Ltd., 384 Lee High Road, Lee Green, London SE12 8RW. Telephone: 01-818 7788. For an informal discussion contact Mark Farley on 01-859 9654.

Hyde is an equal opportunities employer.

## PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL (Equal Opportunity Employer) Department of Leisure and Amenities COMMUNITY SPORTS MOTIVATOR

(2½ YEAR CONTRACT)  
Grade Scale 6  
(Commencing Salary: £8,532, rising to £9,114)

Applications are invited for the above post from persons with initiative, enthusiasm and proven experience in organising and presenting a wide range of recreation and leisure activities.

We are seeking a person capable of developing participation in sport and stimulating interest in sporting activities within identified sections of the community. Particular emphasis will be paid to the 13-24 age group as part of the Sports Council's 'Ever Thought of Sport' campaign. Helms will work with a variety of community groups as a member of an established Community Development Section within the Department.

The post attracts an essential user car allowance. Housing accommodation and relocation expenses may be available in approved cases.

Preference will be given to holders of appropriate community work/recreation management qualifications. A current first aid certificate is desirable but not essential as training will be given. This post receives financial support from the Sports Council.

Job description and application form (to be returned by 10 a.m. Monday, 22nd April, 1985) may be obtained from the Leisure and Amenities Department, Room 2, Town Hall, Peterborough PE1 1HZ. Tel: (0433) 81165, ext. 407.

## AGE CONCERN RETRO OLDHAM requires a NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT WORKER

to be responsible for developing the organisation's neighbourhood work activities in the borough. Salary £5,327.52 p.a.

Details and application forms from Frances Hunt, Director, Age Concern Retro Oldham, 100 Westgate Road, Oldham OL1 2ED. Closing date for applications: 10/04/85.

## WORK IN LEISURE

PGI offer opportunities to work with children or families for long or short periods, as a holiday worker, sports coaching instructor, Group Leader, or in a variety of other capacities. Competitive salaries and excellent benefits. Applications to: PG Leisure, 18-30's Tel: (0628) 64271

## BRISTOL RAPE CRISIS LINE requires a CO-ORDINATOR/ CRISIS WORKER

New SAs for duty in April 85. Salary £5,820 p.a. Details and application forms from: Bristol Rape Crisis Line, 100 Westgate Road, Oldham OL1 2ED. Closing date for applications: 10/04/85.

YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE  
GUARDIAN

## Re-Advertisement DEPUTE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING (WORKS)

£18,318-£19,722

The Council is committed to a programme of improving housing services and this post will play a key role in contributing to the achievement of this objective.

The postholder will be responsible to the Director of Housing for the co-ordination, control and management of the Works Division the activities of which include direct and contract labour and engineering services. As a member of the Directorate, the postholder will also participate in the overall management of the housing service within the City of Edinburgh.

The successful candidate should be qualified in at least one of the following disciplines — Building, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying and have a minimum of 10 years practical experience. Substantial experience involving the management of multi-discipline professional staff and a manual/craft workforce, is essential.

Application forms and further details are available from the Director of Personnel and Management Services, City Chambers, 249 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1PT. Telephone: 031-225 2424, Ext 6419 or 6426. Closing date: April 19th, 1985.

Edinburgh District Council is an equal opportunities employer. Applications are invited from women and men, from all sections of the community, irrespective of ethnic origin, disability or sexual orientation, who have the necessary attributes for the post.

IMPROVING SERVICES — CREATING JOBS

City of Edinburgh

## THE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPS ASSOCIATION requires TWO NATIONAL ADVISERS

to work throughout England

An opportunity to contribute to the development of the playgroup movement. The advisers will work alongside volunteers, offering them support and assistance.

Practical experience related to PPA's work, and a commitment to the Association's philosophy are essential.

The posts are home based, but Advisers are required to travel throughout the country.

Salary: £9,420 to £11,920.

Expenses will be paid to cover travel and secretarial assistance.

The appointments are for a fixed term of 3 years, renewable for a further 3 years.

Further details and application from: The Admin Officer (NA), Pre-School Playgroups Association, Afford House, Aveline Street, London SE11 5DH. Tel: 01-582 8871.

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### HOUSING DEPARTMENT

#### Housing Aid Centre Manager

PO2 £11,259 to £12,243

Do you have a wide-ranging knowledge of Housing Law and Housing issues?  
Do you want a new challenge?  
Can you motivate people?  
Are you responsive to the needs of people from various ethnic backgrounds?

If you can answer "yes" to some of these questions, you may be the person we are looking for. Manchester has a range of housing problems and the City Council wishes to improve its housing services to its residents. The Housing Aid Centre strives to give sympathetic advice and positive and to people with housing problems in the private sector. There are exciting plans to expand and relocate the Centre. We are looking for someone to take charge of the implementation of these plans.

Formal qualifications are not essential. Experience of Housing Aid and/or a detailed knowledge of the relevant legislation would be a definite asset. The ability to initiate new developments, work in a demanding situation and manage people are essential requirements. If you would like a chat about the post contact Malcolm Clarke, Assistant Director of Housing, on 061-234 4703.

Application forms and details from the Personnel Section, Room 2021, Level 2, Town Hall Extension, Manchester Tel. 061-234 4724. Closing date 20th April 1985.

### SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Fieldwork Supervisor

Area 1 Office

**Social Worker Scale Level 3 £9,114 to £10,716**

The Fieldwork Supervisor has a dual role as a Level 3 Social Worker and as a Study Supervisor to the Department's staff seconded for C.S.S. training. The post also carries with it responsibility for the arrangement of practice placements—mostly for C.G.S.W. students—and for providing practical assistance to those outside the Department in understanding its functions and policies.

Hours are divided equally between the social work element and the training responsibilities. It is intended that the social work element will centre on liaison with local Care Groups and encouragement of their development.

Applicants should have experience of student supervision, a good understanding of social services provision, a demonstrable commitment to staff development and training, and preferably knowledge of informal voluntary groups.

For further information please contact Mr. J. M. Hobden, Area Director, 061-235 7271 (for Casework) or Mr. A. W. Compton, Principal Training Officer, on 061-231 0811 (for Training).

This is a re-advertisement and previous applicants need not apply.

Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, P.O. Box 538, Town Hall Extension, Manchester M60 2AF. Tel. 061-234 3870/3888. Closing date: 28th April, 1985.

The City Council operates a Union Membership agreement under which a new employee is recruited to become a member of a recognised Union.

**MANCHESTER City Council**

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

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### LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL

#### Maintenance Manager

£18,750 - £19,875

Responsible to the Director for the efficient management of the City Council's maintenance, plant and equipment resources provided for the maintenance of Council owned dwellings. The person appointed will be expected to provide a service within the constraints imposed by the Local Government Planning & Land Act, 1980, and to manage a large multi-trade workforce. The task is formidable but challenging and will be of interest only to persons prepared to devote considerable effort for the achievement of a much improved service.

### FINANCE OFFICER

£18,750 - £19,875

Responsible to the Director for the provision of an efficient finance, budgetary control and costing service for the Department. This service is considered to be crucial for the success of the Department, having regard particularly to the provisions of the Local Government Planning & Land Act, 1980. The successful candidate will be a qualified accountant with suitable experience in either the public or private sector.

Removal expenses to a maximum of £1,250 and temporary lodging allowances will be paid in appropriate cases.

Application forms, returnable by 22nd April, 1985 and further details may be obtained from the Director of Personnel and Management Services, P.O. Box 538, Municipal Buildings, Dale Street, Liverpool, L69 2DH (051-227 3911 Ext. 243).

The City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of race, sex, marital status or disability.

**LIVERPOOL**  
A Socialist Council

### TRAINEE SOCIAL WORKER

A treatment unit for adolescents offers a two-year programme for people wishing to enter Residential Social Work.

We offer a seconded place in the Eigenwelt Studies Diploma programme for counselling and daily teaching sessions with senior staff in group and Winnicott treatment.

We ask a high degree of commitment that demands at least 5 days a week living in the community.

**BRIDGEWAYS**  
Salary £3,500 p.a. + living costs.  
Contact: A Kirkham,  
61 Regent Street,  
Stonehouse, Glos.

### CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

#### TREASURER

(Estates Bursar)

Applications are invited for the post of Treasurer of Christ Church, which will become vacant in December 1985.

Further particulars are obtainable from the Very Revd. The Dean, Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP.

### ROCHDALE COMMUNITY RELATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

#### WITH THE COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

#### ASSISTANT COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

This post is full-time permanent and personable and requires someone with experience of race relations work in the field of community development and housing matters.

Salary £5,810 to £7,320 (Sp. 20-23).

Application forms and further details from: Rochdale Community Relations Steering Committee, Becco Baron Mills, Summer Street/Liverly Street, Rochdale OL16 7SP. Tel. 0706 34500 or 32627.

Closing date for applications 10th April 1985.

### REFUGEE ACTION

#### COMMUNITY ACTION WORKER WANTED

For a team working with Vietnamese refugees in London. The successful candidate will be responsible for housing, education, employment and welfare matters. The post is full-time permanent and personable and requires someone with experience of race relations work in the field of community development and housing matters.

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Closing date for applications 10th April 1985.

### HADRIAN'S WALL FOOTPATH

#### Project Officer

£3,477 (SO1)

One person (initially) to identify, negotiate and coordinate the construction of a footpath along the route of Hadrian's Wall.

Further details from: Countryside Commission, Hadrian's Wall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE2 1GF.

Closing date 18th April 1985.

**Countryside**

## COMPARE OUR CARE OF THE HANDICAPPED

### Unique 12-month assignments

It is our intention to review a number of our County Placements currently funded by the department and to evaluate the role and objectives of those establishments caring for the physically and mentally handicapped.

To objectively undertake this important task, we are seeking two people with experience of residential care and the needs of the handicapped — gained in any professional capacity.

As one of the successful applicants, required for 12 months, you will be expected to produce an evaluative framework for the establishments we use and then arrange evaluation visits. You will also contribute to a wider debate on future provision. Liaison with private and voluntary agencies, as well as other Social Services personnel, will be involved.

The ability to assess, organise data and write reports is vital, together with the mobility to travel and stay away from home. Temporary accommodation and an administrative base in Essex can be arranged. Salaries will be on a fee basis of up to £71,025 p.a. payable in twelve equal instalments.

If you would like to make, in one year, a major contribution to the welfare of handicapped people, please telephone 0245 232222, and ask for David Shennings (ext 2372) or Dick Knight (ext 2857) who will be pleased to give you more information.

Write for an application form to Personnel and Training Section, Social Services Department, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex.



### ASSISTANT YOUTH CLUB MANAGER

**ST ANDREW'S CLUB, WESTMINSTER**

St Andrew's Club invite applications for an Assistant Youth Worker post. The successful applicant will join a team consisting of a Senior Youth Worker, Assistant Youth Worker, part-time instructors and youth workers plus a full-time secretary. St Andrew's is Britain's oldest youth club and is now operating from new purpose-built premises. It has a membership of approximately 400 boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 21 and there is an "Old Members" section.

The Club is seeking a person with imagination and organisational ability to help maintain the Club's highest standards. Youth work experience is very important and a driving licence will be an asset.

JNC Scales (including Inner London Allowance). Scale 1 (Trainee) £6,855-£7,794 or Scale 2 (Qualified) £7,385-£9,141, will apply.

St Andrew's is predominantly a physical activities club with scope for full development of arts and crafts activity.

St Andrew's is also a "social" club and occupies a unique position at the heart of the community it serves.

Further information, job description and application form (to be returned by 19.4.85) can be obtained from:

The Chairman, St Andrew's Club  
12 Old Pye Street  
Westminster, London, SW1P 2DG

### THE RAINER FOUNDATION

seeks

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

£13,983 to £15,015 inc.

We are seeking a qualified accountant with substantial experience to join the Senior Management Team at the Head Office of a long-established yet dynamic organisation running 14 projects for young people. The post is to plan, manage and control all financial aspects of the Foundation's activities, maintaining efficient and effective accounting systems. Having grown rapidly over the last few years, we need someone with the skills to review and implement agreed changes to our financial system. Experience of computer systems, and local authority or voluntary organisation work, would be useful.

Job description and further details from: Richard Kay, Director, Rainer Foundation, 89A Blackheath Hill, London SE10 8TJ. Telephone: 01-691 3124. Closing date: 1st May, 1985.

The Rainer Foundation is an equal opportunities employer.

## FINANCE OFFICER

C. £12,000 p.a.

The Association requires a suitably qualified accountant, preferably with Housing Association experience, to head its finance and administration department. The successful applicant will supervise the operation of a computerised rent account system and will be responsible for the preparation of financial statements and management reports. The position offers a variety of financial management accounting duties, together with an exciting opportunity to pilot the transfer of the current manual accounting system on to a multi-station micro-computer as well as general administrative duties, as the third member of the senior management team.

The Association operates the N.F.H.A. pension scheme.

Applications in writing, enclosing full c.v., to:

M. V. Millington, Director  
Hightown Housing Association Ltd.  
48 High Street  
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP1 3AA  
Closing date: 19th April, 1985  
Mark envelope: CONFIDENTIAL (Finance Officer)

### THE KENTISH TOWN

#### AFRO-CARIBBEAN YOUTH CLUB

requires

### ONE CLUB-BASED WORKER

to assist the Senior Worker in the organisation and development of the youth club programme (Scale 2 £7,395-£9,141 inclusive. Trainee / unqualified Scale £5,855-£7,794 inclusive).

and

### TWO DETACHED WORKERS

to organise and develop projects for young people (Scale 3 £6,904-£9,862 inclusive. Trainee / unqualified Scale £5,855-£7,794 inclusive).

Applicants should be experienced in youth work and be familiar with the needs of the Afro-Caribbean Community. Both workers will be employed by ILEA and seconded to the club's management committee, who will give full support and assistance.

These posts are considered suitable for job-sharing. Applicants for job-share will only be considered on a paired basis.

Further details and application forms available from Camden Youth Office, 6 Camden High Street, London NW1 0JH.

Closing date 12th April 1985.

### SHEFFIELD

#### AGAINST RATE CAPPING FOR THE RIGHT REASONS

### DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND BUILDING SERVICES

#### CHIEF QUANTITY SURVEYOR

PO3 £17,100-£18,135 (SP 54-57) (under review)

The newly-formed Department of Design and Building Services has been created to ensure that appropriate technical services are available to support the Council's capital programme and to develop close working relationships with other Council Departments, outside agencies, business and client groups. Due to the retirement of the existing post-holder, we are now seeking a dynamic and experienced Quantity Surveyor who has the qualities and commitment to make a significant contribution to the department and co-ordination of the design and construction of the Council's capital programme. The post-holder will be expected to actively promote the department's objectives and to ensure that the department's services are of the highest quality and that the department's resources are used to the maximum. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS FROM THE PERSONNEL SECTION, TOWN HALL, SHEFFIELD, S1 2BH. TEL: 0743-734294. PLEASE QUOTE POST NO. 021. CLOSING DATE 17th APRIL.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISER

PO1e £11,259-£12,243

As part of the City Council's commitment to tackle racial disadvantage and discrimination, the Environmental Health Department is seeking to appoint the above post to the staff of the Department. The post is a new one and will be responsible for the development and co-ordination of the Council's community relations work. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

#### (ETHNIC MINORITIES UNIT)

Sheffield City Council is committed to tackling racism and racial disadvantage. The Council is seeking to appoint the above post to the staff of the Department. The post is a new one and will be responsible for the development and co-ordination of the Council's community relations work. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions. The post-holder will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Council's capital programme and to be able to advise on the financial implications of design and construction decisions.

### HOUSING POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICER

#### (RACE EQUALITY)

PO1d £10,716-£11,562

To head a small team responsible for reviewing and developing housing policies and practices, and providing effective monitoring and evaluation procedures.

### SENIOR RACE EQUALITY OFFICER

SO1 £9,477-£10,107

To support the Policy and Research Officer with particular responsibility for practical implementation of new policies, and strengthening of relationships with minority ethnic groups. For an informal discussion about the above post, telephone 0743-73524.

### HOUSING AID OFFICERS

#### (RACE EQUALITY) - 2 posts

Sc5/6 £7,524-£9,114

These two posts will be based in the Housing Aid Centre and will be responsible for the provision of the advice and advocacy service, and for the provision of the advice and advocacy service, and for the provision of the advice and advocacy service.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER DETAILS FROM THE PERSONNEL SECTION, TOWN HALL, SHEFFIELD, S1 2BH. TEL: 0743-734294. PLEASE QUOTE POST NO. 021. CLOSING DATE 17th APRIL.

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### ALPHA HOUSE

#### REQUIRE

#### A SENIOR GROUP WORKER

Salary (Scale 6) £8,532-£9,114

#### Plus A GROUP WORKER

Salary (Scale 5) £7,524-£8,262

Alpha House (established 1988) is a residential community that help people who have abused drugs/alcohol to change their way of participating in society. Group work includes Encounter, Gestalt and other sensitivity Groups. The community is drug free but smoking is allowed and social drinking is permitted in the later stages of the programme. The concept of Personal Development is promoted through warm encouragement and strong confrontation of negative social behaviour, the aim being to radically increase the individuals range of choice regarding their future lifestyle. The position advertised offers opportunity to participate in a range of group work, training, driving licence also helps. Generous Staff training Budget available.

For further information and arrangement for visiting the Community, ring Stewart Dikson, Oxford 077478 or write to Alpha House, Wickham Road, Oxford, Hants SO8 1PD.

Closing date for applications 30th April 1985.

### ECLC

#### EALING COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

This is a Law Centre funded by the GLC and based in Acton. We are looking for a

#### RACISM AND IMMIGRATION WORKER

SALARY £7,715-£10,712 (inclusive of London Weighting)

Information and application forms obtainable from: The Administrator, Ealing Community Law Centre, Acton Green Methodist Church, Sleete Road, London W4.

Applicants are welcome from all people regardless of sex, race, marital status or disability.

Closing date for applications 26.4.85.

Interviews 14.5.85.

### Housing Aid Trust

#### HOUSING AID WORKER

For their Manchester office, with an excellent advancement to those in housing need. Experience in housing aid work is required. The post is a full-time post in housing aid work on secondment to the Housing Aid Trust. For an informal discussion about the above post, telephone 0743-73524.

## DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

(Social Services)

£10,134 to £10,764 (under review)

A vacancy has arisen in the Research and Development Unit of the busy Social Services Department in an attractive Outer London Borough.

The unit is involved in policy planning, policy and project evaluation and information provision across the whole range of the department's services. It occupies a central place in the liaison and planning with the Voluntary Sector and the Health Authority. The development officer will be the main point of contact for the voluntary organisations and will work closely with members of the Joint Consultative Committee (Voluntary Sector). There will be opportunities for the evaluation of existing services, one-off projects and for the design of new activities, and hence for policy and practice-orientated research.

Applicants should be familiar with the range of grants available to voluntary organisations. They will be knowledgeable of the current policy issues surrounding the relationship between statutory and voluntary social services providers.

An interest in the personal social services and a commitment to voluntary sector funding are considered essential for the postholder.

Candidates should hold a relevant qualification up to degree level and have appropriate experience in a Local Authority or in the voluntary field.

Casual user car allowance payable.

For an informal discussion, please contact Gerda Loomer-Repper, 01-303 7777 ext 2211.

Application forms can be obtained from the Housing and Personal Services Secretary, Personnel Section, Room 29, Civic Offices, Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7LB (01-303 7777 ext. 2308). Closing date: 28.4.85.

**Bexley** London Borough

### SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

#### SENIOR COMMUNITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

FALKIRK AREA OFFICE

SENIOR COMMUNITY

Scale £9,477-£10,413

35 hours per week to be worked in accordance with the exigencies of the service.

Travelling allowance facilities available.

Applications are sought from qualified O.T.s. with at least three years' Community O.T. experience who have a demonstrable commitment to and capacity for the management of the O.T. service within the three area offices comprising the Falkirk District.

For informal discussion please contact: Mr. A. Ferrie, Area Officer, on Falkirk 20021.

Application forms can be obtained from the Director of Social Work, Langgarth, Stirling (Tel. Stirling 73111, ext. 414), to whom they should be returned by 14th April, 1985.

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BBC-1

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6.00 NEWS: Weather News.

6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.

7.00 WOGAN.

7.40 MONKEY BUSINESS. Henry Kelly hosts another round of the irritatingly gimmicky wildlife quiz, with Floella Benjamin, Jeremy Cherlas leading the rival teams.

8.10 DALLAS: Winds of War. Can Bobby rescue Jenna from the murder rap? Is poor wronged Sue Ellen about to go back to the bottle? Will Pam find time to get the other half of her hair permed? Why has Jamie taken to wearing Kristy Carrington's old frocks? Did little Christopher actually SPEAK? Ceefax sub-titles.

9.00 NEWS: Weather News.

9.25 Q.E.D.: A Race Against Time. With age and old injuries working against him, the legendary downhill skier Franz Klammer nevertheless set out last autumn to contest another World Cup - depending on new technology to counteract any slowing down. Sophy Robinson's film shows how the Austrian racer turned to science like aerodynamics and biomechanics to increase his speeds.

10.15 REQUIEM. The first TV performance of superstar composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's new work, dedicated to his late father and already an unlikely hit in the pop charts, recorded at its recent world premiere in New York. Fifth Avenue's Church of St. Thomas is the setting. Placido Domingo, Sarah Brightman and young Paul Miles-Kingman the soloists; Lorin Maazel the conductor.

11.15 SPORTSNIGHT. Amateur boxing is the main attraction, with Harry Carpenter reporting on the ABA English semi-finals from Gloucester. Elsewhere, Jimmy Hill mulls over this afternoon's World Cup match between Romania (at home to England in Bucharest on May 1) and Turkey.

12.00 THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN. Continuing the Holy Week Story.

12.10 Weather: close.

BBC-2

6.30-7.30 am Open University. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.25 The Lords of the Desert. 10.15 Bonanza. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 The News. 11.15 Bonanza. 12.00 Tom and Jerry. 12.15 pm The Gospel According to St. John. 12.30 News after Noon. 12.57 Regional News. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Mr Benn. 2.00 Duffy Duck. 2.15 Racing from Ascot. 3.30 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3.55 Lay on Five. With Floella Benjamin. 4.10 The Wombles. 4.15 The Biskits. 4.35 Take Two. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 The Red Hand Gang. 5.25 Grange Hill.

5.30 NEWS with sub-titles; weather.

5.35 ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS: Did-mastion, Shropshire. Floral artist George Smith joins Arthur to explore a house where most of the treasures have a floral motif.

6.00 LEGEND OF THE GOLDEN GUN. A legend created for the occasion of this 1979 TV movie, pilot for an aborted series, which has golden-suited gunslinger Hal Holbrook teaching his trade to a vengeance-seeking young farmer; Keir Dullea as Custer.

7.35 O'DONNELL INVESTIGATES... BOOZE. When, asks Dr Michael O'Donnell in this first half of a two-part investigation, are we going to take Britain's biggest drug problem seriously? While we go on buying the ad-man's fantasy of drink as an aid to good living, he says, alcohol-related problems in industrial societies like ours are responsible for a growing tale of human misery affecting individuals, families and society itself. Tonight he produces the grim health, crime and accident figures to prove it.

8.00 TIMEWATCH. Peter France with another reassessment of the past, asking why neither the Nazis nor the Allies deployed the massive stocks of chemical weapons they had available in WW2, and finding an explanation in modern psychiatry for a strange Civil War suicide.

9.00 POT BLACK 85. Second semi-final, between Cliff Thorburn and Jimmy White.

9.45 BARNEY. By Doris Richards and Allen Saddler. Donald Churchill leads this one-off comedy as hairdresser Maurice, once employed by a posh West End crimp, now trying to trim his standards in a back-street barber's shop.

10.15 OPEN SPACE: Angels of Fire. That's the name of the poetry collective, made up of experimental writers and dancers from the Black, feminist and New wave schools, which aims to challenge the same traditional image of poetry - and which now brings up highlights from its third annual Festival of radical Poetry.

10.45 NEWSNIGHT. 11.30 Weatherview.

11.35 ANIMATION NOW. Animation about animation: a film from Brazil on the creation of a leading character. 11.50 Open University. 12.45 Close.

ITV London

6.15 am Good Morning Britain. 9.25 News Headlines: Sesame Street. 10.25 BMX Band. 10.50 Buttercup Busters. 11.00 Animals of the Desert. 11.15 Fabulous Funnies. 11.30 About Britain. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Razzmatazz. 4.45 Fraggle Rock. 5.15 Blockbusters.

4.45 NEWS: weather.

6.00 THAMES NEWS.

6.25 HELPT with Viv Taylor Gee.

6.35 CROSSROADS.

7.00 ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS. 1. Warnings From The Future. The veteran SF writer, author most recently of 2010, turns his attention to the paranormal in this 13-part investigation into funny phenomena. "At least half this series is nonsense," admits the presenter with refreshing candour, casting a sceptical eye over poltergeists, death by suggestion, water divining and such, and showing how much can be dismissed as hoaxes, coincidence or freaks of nature. But there are the genuinely inexplicable experiences, starting with some convincing instances of precognition. Oracle sub-titles.

7.30 CORONATION STREET. Oracle sub-titles.

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE. Eamonn Andrews with another summery subject.

8.30 THERE COMES A TIME... Final instalment of Wally K. Daly's witty comedy, with Andrew Sachs as the executive moving towards his scheduled end. Oracle sub-titles.

9.00 WIDOWS: 1. The new six-part sequel to Thames' classy if morally questionable thriller finds three of the all-woman gang still in Rio six weeks on from their audacious and successful robbery - though Dolly (Ann Mitchell) is in London now, which aims to challenge the same traditional image of poetry - and which now brings up highlights from its third annual Festival of radical Poetry.

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Channel 4

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6.00 DANGER MAN: The Lonely Chair. Patrick McGeehan as the agent trying to rescue the kidnapped daughter of an industrial designer, in another old band-w drama.

6.30 THE LIVING BODY: Design For Living. Final programme of the series singles out some of the sequences which illustrate the efficiency and brilliant design of the body's complex systems and organs.

7.00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS. 7.50 Comment. By SDP MP John Cartwright.

8.00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES. 13: The Death of Wales? From the basement of the building - once the Cardiff Coal Exchange that would have been the home of the Welsh Assembly, had the nation voted for devolution in 1979, the two-presenters conclude the series with their conflicting views of the state of Wales since the war.

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS. The British in Libya. Tim Hodlin meets the experts who enjoy life under Gaddafi.

9.00 THE CONSTANT FACTOR. Polish director Krzysztof Zanussi was voted Best Director at the 1980 Cannes Festival for this powerful, polished movie attacking the corruption and moral bankruptcy endemic in his country in the period before the rise of Solidarity.

10.45 BOOK FOUR. John Carey, Martyn Goff and Gillian Reynolds join Hermione Lee to review Graham Greene's 'The Tenth Man', Studs Terkel's 'The Good War', and Iain Banks' 'Walking On Glass'.

11.10 BEAUBOURG. Is Paris's Pompidou Centre a Milestone in 20th century design, or is it an architectural joke?

12.10 Close.

12.15 pm Hey Good Looking! 1.30 The People's Court. 2.00 Falahabam. 2.15 Ewyl. 2.45 Film: Laxdale Hall. 1952 comedy with Ronald Squire. 4.00 Irish Angel. 4.40 Falahabam. 4.55 Hanner awr Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Bwyllan. 6.50 Daffanod y Byd. 7.00 Newyddion. 7.30 Maf y Mor. 8.00 Can y Cwch. 8.30 Yr Yd y Beddwr. 9.00 Film: Inside Moves. 1980 drama with John Savage. 11.50 Pencampwriaeth rygbi saith Bob Och. Hong Kong. 11.55 Diverse Reports. 12.25 Divedd.

Radio 1

6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 10.00 Gary Davies. 10.30 am News. 10.45 The Record Breakers. 11.00 Janice Long. 11.45 6 mid. Muriel Gray.

4.00 am Colin Berry. 6.00 Ray Moore. 6.50 Ken Bruce. 7.30 Johnny Young. 1.00 pm David Jacobs. 2.00 Paul Reaney. 3.30 Music All the Way. 4.00 Steve Jones. 4.30 John Peel. 5.00 Sunday Special. 5.30 VBF Male Voice Choir Competition. 9.15 VBF Listen to the Band: Sendon Band of the Salvation Army. Medley was also from 9.45. 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers. 10.15 Tom Munnard Tells Local Tales. 10.30 Robert Groom. 11.00 Brian Mathew. 11.30 Bill Russell. 1.00 Niall Murray. 1.30 4.00 Non-Stop Stars.

Radio 2

6.55 Weather.

7.00 News: Your Midweek Choice.

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5.30 Debut: Harlequin Trio. Beethoven: Piano Trio Op 1 No 1.

7.00 Three Anniversaries. Handel: Organ Concerto Op 7 No 2; Scarlatti: Harpsichord Concerto in E; Bach: Harpsichord Concerto in E. English Concert Simon Preston, Trevor Pinnock.

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6.00 News Briefing.

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